

CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD
KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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SECTION 30

CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD
FRANK NASH
VERNE MILLER
ADAM RICCHETTI
KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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REPORT MADE AT Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 12-31-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-15-33	REPORT MADE BY H. D. Harris
TITLE RICHARD TALMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201; WILBUR UNDERHILL, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1191, et al			CHARACTER OF CASE OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. Henry Sustek and Dave Richetti at Dillonvale, Ohio, receive occasional visits from relatives from Oklahoma but reported not to have had visitors recently. Subject Floyd not identified as having been at Dillonvale. Various relatives of Adam Richetti are located at Lehigh, Oklahoma.

REFERENCE:

Letter from Kansas City Office dated 12-11-33.

DETAILS:

AT DILLONVALE, OHIO

Agent was accompanied to Dillonvale, Ohio, by Sheriff Ray Long of Wadonville, Ohio, who advised that Dillonvale is comprised almost entirely of inhabitants of foreign birth and that inquiries should be very discreet if such inquiries were to be kept confidential. Sheriff Long advised that he has known Postmaster John J. Azallion for many years and knows that he can be trusted.

Postmaster Azallion advised that Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sustek and family, who were formerly at Box #134, RR #1, Dillonvale, Ohio, have moved and are now at box #122, and that one Nick Balazy and family are now receiving mail at Box #134. He further advised that one Dave Richetti and wife receive their mail at box #134.

Carrier Vince Delzell who covers the above addresses, advised that the Susteks have been in this locality for many years and that they have a number of relatives in Oklahoma; that the Susteks visit these relatives in Oklahoma and have had occasional visits from the Oklahoma relatives. He further advised that the Balazy family is related to the Sustek family and that Dave

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E. J. Connelley
SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE

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is also related to them; that Dave Richetti and his wife live in Dillonvale directly back of his own home and that he is, therefore, in a position to note if and when they have visitors. He advised further that the Sustek family lives approximately one mile from the main highway on a mountain side and that their home is not accessible by automobile so that when they have visitors who come by automobile the cars have to be left at the residence of Dave Richetti.

Messrs. Azallion and Dalzell, upon viewing Identification Order on Subject Floyd, advised that they have no recollection of ever seeing this man in the vicinity of Dillonvale. A copy of this Identification Order was left with Mr. Azallion and these gentlemen advised that if relatives of the family involved should visit there at any time in the future they will immediately notify Sheriff Long.

Mr. Dalzell further advised that one Clarence Richetti and his wife, Elizabeth, received mail at box #134 for several years but left there approximately two years ago and to the best of his recollection returned to Lehigh, Oklahoma.

Postmaster Azallion also located a record of a registered shipment going to Mr. and Mrs. B. Richetti, Lehigh, Okla., in December, 1932, and although no record was made of the sender of this shipment, these gentlemen stated they were sure it was some member of the family at Dillonvale.

Mr. Azallion strongly advised against making inquiry in the vicinity of the residences of these relatives at Dillonvale as he could not recommend any neighbors who might be trusted. He further advised that he will take a personal interest in this matter and if he is able to secure any information of value he will notify Sheriff Long immediately.

For the information of the Oklahoma City Office the letter of reference advised that Captain Lewis M. Meane of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Jefferson City, Mo., had informed that Adam Richetti, a running mate of Charles Arthur Floyd, has a sister named Mrs. Henry Sustek at Dillonvale, Ohio, and that it was believed Richetti and Floyd make occasional visits to that place.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Lehigh, Oklahoma. Is requested to make such investigation as may be possible to ascertain whether Subject Floyd may be visiting members of the Richetti family in that vicinity.

PENDING

625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan

December 21, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: VERNON O. MILLER, with aliases
(Deceased) - Obstruction of Justice

Dear Sir:

I have been informed by members of the Homicide Squad of the Detroit Police Department that Frank J. Lake, who resides in Chicago or Oak Park, Illinois, and who served 18 months at Leavenworth for income tax evasion, while at Detroit recently, remarked that a Mr. Allen, who is alleged to be a post office inspector at Chicago, is in possession of information regarding the killing of Verne Miller.

It is suggested that if there is a Mr. Allen attached to the post office department at Chicago, that he be interviewed and that this office be advised of the results, so that the information can be transmitted to the local police.

Very truly yours,

WM. LARSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

December 19, 1933.



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: Richard Talman Galatas,
with aliases - FUGITIVE;
et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to report of Special Agent W.F.
Trainer dated 12/8/33, page 13, in which it is shown that
Galatas made a telephone call to LD 922, Dallas, on
3/18/33:

You are advised that this telephone at that time
was listed in the name of the American Airways Service,
Love Field, Texas.

This telephone has since been disconnected.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite L Federal Building
Kansas City.

December 12, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased) Et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Kindly refer to letter from this office dated December 11, 1933, to the effect that Harvey J. Bailey and Albert L. Bates informed Special Agent A. E. Farland to the effect that Bernard Phillips had been murdered by some members of the underworld sometime during the latter part of July, 1933, at a point in the vicinity of Minneapolis or St. Paul, Minnesota.

For your information, Bailey and Bates had indicated to Special Agents A. E. Farland and H. E. Anderson at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, during the trial of the Urshel Case that Bernard Phillips had been put on the spot in the underworld.

Sometime past, while talking to a confidential informant with strong underworld connections, I was advised that Bernard Phillips had been killed by members of the underworld with ice picks. The informant stated that Phillips struggled viciously and that the gangsters had difficulty in killing him; there was an indication that he was tortured while being killed. This informant indicated that the underworld is generally in possession of information to the effect that Bernard Phillips was the fourth man on a golf game at the time Holden, Keating and Harvey Bailey were captured on the Mission Hills Golf Club course, Kansas City, Missouri. The underworld, it seems, apparently believes, altho same is not correct, that Phillips

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tipped off the officers and had made his get-a-way, having been allowed to do so by the officers. According to information received, this is apparently the reason for Phillips' death, if such is the case. The informant stated that the killing of Phillips took place after an Indiana Bank Robbery last summer, in which Phillips was a participant.

In addition to the above, George (Machine-Gun) Kelly, informed me sometime past at the Leavenworth Penitentiary that Bernard Phillips was dead. He related incidents similar to the above, with the exception of the ice pick portion.

For your further information, it may be noted that Mr. Fred Judge of the automobile Protective and Information Bureau of St. Louis, Missouri, recently advised me that the woman of Lee Turner, notorious automobile thief and bank robber, had conveyed information to him to the effect that Bernard Phillips was dead having been killed by gangsters.

In view of the several divergent sources of information regarding the purported death of Bernard Phillips, it is believed advisable to give your investigation in that regard close attention. It may be possible for you to verify the information through underworld sources, especially the location of the body. I understand that you have some informants who are more or less aware of the activities of Clyde Eridges, a fugitive, who is a close friend of Bernard Phillips. Your informants in that case may be able to render your office some service in this matter.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

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MR CHARLES MILLER
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES DISTRICT ATTORNEY
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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri

VERNE C. MILLER et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; ENDEAVOR TO
DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, FRANK NASH

Dear Sir:

With reference to the letter of Acting Special Agent in Charge E. A. King of the Portland Office dated December 14, 1933, pertaining to a complaint received from Walter B. Heisel, of Juneau, Alaska, regarding Heisel's son, Walter Heisel, Jr., it is suggested that you ascertain whether Walter Heisel, Jr. was a prisoner in the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas upon the occasion of the jail break in that institution, which preceded the Kansas City massacre.

Since the Pittsburgh Office file on this matter is not complete, I do not know whether information has developed which would justify investigative attention for the purpose of endeavoring to locate Walter Heisel, Jr.

If, however, any information is in your possession indicating that this person might have information of some benefit to the Division's investigation, appropriate inquiry will be conducted for the purpose of locating Heisel, Jr.

Very truly yours,

E. A. TAMM, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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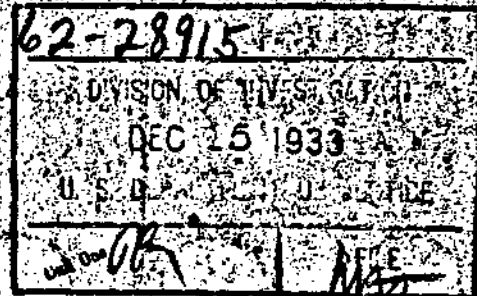
December 14, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 12th in connection with the Kansas City massacre investigation entitled RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201, et al. It is observed that your office has not been receiving copies of reports from this office. Therefore, there is being outlined herein the result of the investigation as conducted by this office as bearing upon the murder of Miller and Al Silvers.

After Miller shot his way out of the trap at Chicago on the night of November 1st, certain effects were found in his car which gave rise to an intensive investigation here. The investigation disclosed that on August 11 and 12, 1933, through the medium of his brother, Dr. Irwin R. Silvers, an optometrist of Orange, New Jersey, Al Silvers arranged for Miller to pose as a travelling salesman for a Newark, New Jersey optical concern, under the name Stephen J. Gross, Jr., from which concern Dr. Silvers had been buying his frames and lenses. Miller secured many sample cases, frames, mountings, lenses, cards and letter-heads, so forth. The investigation has established that Miller left New York or Newark immediately after securing this set up and went to White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, where he remained until August 29th. He then went to Roaring Gap, North Carolina and remained there until September 13th, where he was between September 14th and October 22nd has not been established. However, on the latter date Al Silvers purchased for Miller at Brooklyn, New York, the Ford car which Miller had in his possession in Chicago on November 1st. It would appear that Miller was in Lima, Ohio on October 29th at which place - enroute Chicago - he had the car repaired.



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In July and August, Vivian Mathis was travelling through out the district covered by this office with Mrs. Betty Buchalter, wife of Louis Buchalter. It was definitely established that through out her travels in this district she did not personally contact Miller, although it was established that Miller was in this district off and on in July and August. When the effects were received from Chicago the investigation disclosed that Al Silvers was a notorious racketeer and gangster. He was the travelling representative of the Longie mob, headed by Abe Zwillman called Longie, which mob practically controls New Jersey and is affiliated with mobs in Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Boston, so forth. Silvers, as above stated, was the travelling representative of this mob and frequently was in Chicago where apparently he contacted Gus Winkler and others. Abe Chait operates a trucking firm in New York City and became acquainted with Al Silvers about fifteen years ago in Sing Sing. When Silvers bought the car for Miller he also had to have a New York registration. There was working for Chait a young man by the name of Herman Borenstein, whose description, except as to age, tallied with that of Miller. Silvers and Chait prevailed upon Borenstein to secure a certificate of registration under the name Frederick K. Glaubach for the car which Miller drove from New York into Chicago. Chait, Borenstein and Dr. Silvers were immediately arrested and a campaign was instituted by this office which had for its object the driving of Miller to cover. Information began reaching this office after the above named three were arrested to the effect that Miller was persona non grata among the mobs. Of course, an active search was being made for Al Silvers. On November 20th Silvers' body was found near Somers, Connecticut. Informants were requested to secure for this office whatever information they could respecting his murder. It was reported to this office that Silvers in fraternizing with Miller as he did and doing the things for him which he did, did so without the knowledge of the mob and that he was the reason for all the heat being turned on the mob; that there was some argument and Silvers got in touch with Miller; that Silvers and Miller had an argument and that Miller murdered Silvers or caused it to be done and that the Longie mob was then sent out to get Miller. Nine days later Miller's body was found in Detroit. It would appear, of course, from the similarity of the methods used that the murders were committed by the same person or persons. Following the murder of Silvers, the Connecticut State Police communicated with this office and all the information with respect to Silvers and Miller mentioned in their letter to the Detroit Police Department of December 1st was furnished them by this office, including details with respect to Silvers' car. It was

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suggested to the Connecticut State Police that a stop card be placed with all the Motor Vehicle Bureaus with respect to Silvera's car. They informed this office that this was being done. New York State does not file by motor number. In view of the above, I do not feel that this office need undertake any investigation with respect to Silvera's car, which has not as yet been located.

You have mentioned the fact that one Louis Buchalter was interviewed by this office on the afternoon of November 28th. Buchalter, called Lepke, is probably the most important and powerful racketeer and gangster in New York City. It was his wife who gave protection to Vivian Mathis in July and August of this year. This office was on his wire for some two months but no information was secured through this means. It has been reasonably established that Buchalter was under obligation to Miller and that Miller did many jobs for the Buchalter mob in the early part of this year by way of exterminating many members of the Waxy Gordon mob. From the many implications Buchalter made on the afternoon of November 28th, it was inferred that he knew Miller had been murdered or was about to be murdered.

In my letter of November 29th you will note the name Sammy Schrage. I am returning herewith his photograph, which is New York City PD No. 51868. Schrage is a killer and has been associated with Miller for the past three years. He came from the lower East Side, as did Buchalter and all the other important members of the mob. Information frequently came to this office to the effect that Schrage is the one who was instrumental in introducing Miller to Buchalter and the New York mob. It is the opinion of this office that Schrage is the only one who could successfully take Miller out for a ride. You will note that on November 28th Buchalter said that Schrage was out of town and he expected him back in a few days. This office feels that this is the most significant thing that Buchalter said that afternoon. Schrage is now wanted for violation of parole at Sing Sing. However, this fact is not known to the New York City Police Department but is known by the detectives who worked on the case. There is no wanted notice on file at the New York City Police Department but on our records at Washington there is a notice to the effect that this office should be immediately telephoned if Schrage is apprehended.

Should any of the details concerning the investigation as conducted by this office be desired, please advise and your office will be furnished with copies of reports.

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Buchalter, as you have noted, has admitted that he was in Connecticut the week-end of November 19th, attending a pinocle party at the home of "some respectable people." This office has been attempting to secure the name of the host so that the Connecticut State Police could work further on the matter, but so far Buchalter has failed to furnish this information. It is generally believed that Buchalter knows considerable concerning the killer of Silvers and Miller and many other killings which have taken place in New York during the past year. However, nothing specific or tangible could be secured.

The request of the Detroit Police Department to secure information respecting Silvers' Pontiac sedan is apparently based on the theory that whoever murdered Silvers took the sedan and drove to Detroit, where it was used in the killing of Miller. It is not definitely known, of course, whether Silvers had the Pontiac sedan with him at the time he was murdered. However, it is known that for ten days prior to his murder he and the Pontiac sedan were missing.

Very truly yours,

F.X.FAY
Special Agent in Charge

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Kansas City



Suite 1 Federal Bldg.,
Kansas City

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December 11, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue - Room 140
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent T. H. Tracy dated at New York City, December 5, 1933, in the matter of VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner. It is shown there, and in other reports from your office that there is now pending prosecution in your District against Dr. Irwin R. Silvers, Abe Chait and Herman Borenstein under charges of obstructing justice in connection with harboring Vernon C. Miller, who was a fugitive under indictment in the instant matter. It is suggested that these individuals who are defendants in your District be carried as subjects in the caption of a case showing New York City as the office of origin, since in that District the offenses occurred.

It is also requested that in each case, a summary report be rendered by the New York office and a copy furnished to the Kansas City office.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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December 11, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1420 Enquirer Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

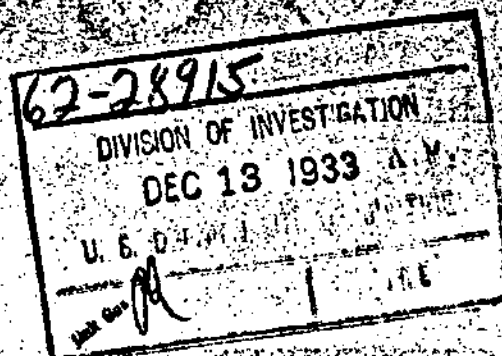
This office is in receipt of a letter from Captain Lewis M. Means, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Jefferson City, Missouri, stating that Adam Richetti, a running mate of Charles Arthur Floyd, has a sister named Mrs. Henry Sustek, Box 134, Dillonvale, Jefferson County, Ohio, and that it is believed Richetti and Floyd make occasional visits to that place.

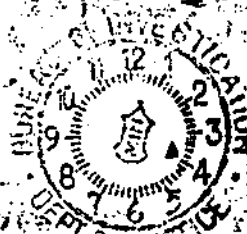
You are requested to conduct such investigation as may be possible at Dillonvale, Ohio, looking toward the apprehension of Floyd.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite 1
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri.

December 11, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, (Deceased), ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent L. D. So-
cey, Detroit, Michigan, dated 7-12-33, wherein it is shown that
Mrs. Helen Early, daughter of Subject Bailey, and her alleged mother,
Mrs. Laura E. Bailey, reside at 2547 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit,
Michigan.

In this connection, it has been shown heretofore of re-
cord that Mattie J. Bailey is the wife of Subject Bailey and resided
at Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, during July, 1933. It has not been known
that Bailey had a daughter. Sometime ago the Division was furnished
with all known personal history of Bailey.

It is requested that necessary inquiries be made of
Mrs. Helen Early and her mother to determine fully their possible
connections with Subject Bailey.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Re: Verne C. Miller, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1195, et al.
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor
to Deliver Federal Prisoner,
Frank Nash).

Having reference to your inquiry of November 28, 1933,
relative to Bruce M. Brady:

The files of the Identification Bureau of the Oklahoma City Police Department, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, reflect that Bruce M. Brady was arrested by their department on January 4, 1933, charged with vagrancy and investigation. The files reflect no other criminal record other than this. It was noticed on the officers' arrest sheet that Bruce Brady was arrested at this time with one Ace Edmondson, a notorious bank robber and ex-convict who has a long criminal record. It was further learned that Bruce Brady and Ace Edmondson are closely associated with each other and travel together.

For your information, the descriptions and photographs of Bruce M. Brady and Ace Edmondson as obtained from the Oklahoma City Police Department are as follows:

Name	Bruce Merrill Brady
Age	34
Height	6 feet 1 inch
Weight	148 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Occupation	Insurance Salesman
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Arrested Oklahoma City Police Department 1/4/33 charged
with Vagrancy and Investigation.

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Name	Age Edmondson
Age	41
Height	5 feet 11 inches
Weight	148 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Occupation	Painter
Scars	Large irregular scar 2 inches below left ear. Scar left upper lip. Right ring finger broken and stiff at first joint.

Fingerprint

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Photographs attached.

Yours very truly,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite 1 Federal Building,
Kansas City.

December 11, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

It has been reported through the United Press that Wilber Underhill married a woman named Beatrice Hudson at Colgate, Oklahoma, November 18, 1933, and that the home of Beatrice Hudson is near Capitol Hill, Oklahoma. Official verification of this report has not been had by this office, and it is requested that you take proper investigative steps with reference thereto.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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Suite 1 Federal Bldg.,
Kansas City.

December 11, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
601 Title Guaranty Bldg.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to the report by Special Agent F. F. Yearsley dated at St. Louis, Missouri, 10-5-33, wherein reference is made to a Buick Coupe bearing 1933 Missouri license Tags No. 402-000, which is shown as the same car formerly used by Helen Ferguson in Chicago, Illinois. It is known that Helen Ferguson was a close friend of Fred Barker, Lloyd Barker and their mother, Mrs. Kate Barker, who travels with them. In this connection, reference is made to letter from the St. Louis office to the Kansas City office dated September 6, 1933, and letter from the Chicago office to the St. Louis office dated September 14, 1933.

Inasmuch as Fred Barker is wanted at West Plains, Missouri, for murder and since the Barkers are likely suspects in the instant matter, it is requested that further investigation be made pursuant to the information shown in the report of Agent Yearsley in an endeavor to locate the Barkers through the available sources of information there shown.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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December 11, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

During a recent conversation had by Special Agent A. E. Farland of this office with Subject Harvey J. Bailey and with Albert L. Bates in the United States Penitentiary Annex, Leavenworth, Kansas, they advised that Bernard Phillips, who is the subject of Identification Order No 1196, had been murdered by some of the members of the Underworld sometime during the latter part of July, 1933, at a point in the vicinity of Minneapolis or St. Paul, Minnesota. Bates stated that Phillips had been "put on the spot" between Minneapolis and St. Paul during July, 1933, but he was unable to furnish the exact date. However, he did state that he had talked to Bernard Phillips in St. Paul prior to his arrest in Denver, Colorado, which occurred during August, 1933, when Bates was arrested in connection with the Urchel Kidnaping matter. Bates stated that he did not believe it would be difficult to verify the death of Phillips.

In view of the fact that this individual, Phillips, is being sought under Identification Order No. 1196, it is requested that thorough investigation be made at St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota, to verify his alleged death.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONRO
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation
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Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

On December 4, 1933, a report reached this office through the Associated Press that a party believed to be Charles Arthur, alias Pretty Boy, Floyd was wounded and in a hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Pursuant to your telephone call to Herbert A. Akers, of the Police Department at Hot Springs from Kansas City, where you were at that time, it was developed that the individual possibly identical with Floyd was in a hospital at Fort Smith, Arkansas, instead of Hot Springs.

A long distance call was then placed to the Police Department at Fort Smith and it was determined that the individual thought to be Floyd was in reality believed by the Police Department there to be one Carney of Paris, Texas. The Police Department at Fort Smith advised that the individual was in an automobile accident with two women and another man; that the other man was killed and that one of the women was the wife of Charles Arthur Floyd. However, the Police Department at Fort Smith stated that while there was some similarity in the appearance of Carney to that of Floyd they did not believe the parties were identical and stated that fingerprints could not be taken because of objections on the part of the hospital authorities.

Special Agent W. F. Trainor, of this office, under my instructions on December 4th, immediately after your telephone contact with the Fort Smith Police, communicated by long distance telephone with Captain Eslick, of the Missouri State Highway Patrol at Joplin, Missouri, and after discussion of this matter with Captain Eslick the latter departed with some of his men immediately for Fort Smith, Arkansas, which is not a great distance from Joplin.

Captain Eslick later telephoned this office to the effect that he had assisted in taking fingerprints of the party known as Carney, at Fort Smith, and that he had viewed the individual there who has a broken leg and is confined in the hospital. He stated that while there is a similarity in appearance on the part of Carney with Floyd he would be willing to positively state that they are not identical. He stated that the fingerprints of Carney were compared with those of Floyd by Special Agents of the Kansas City Southern Railroad, at Fort Smith, who were qualified to make fingerprint comparisons, and while the fingerprint classification is similar to that of Floyd they are not identical fingerprints as shown on the Identification Order #1194, issued by this Division.

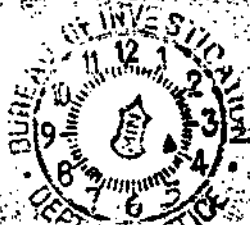
Captain Eslick advised that it was quite well established that Carney comes from Paris, Texas, and that the brother of Carney "Put up a holler" and insisted that the fingerprints of Carney be destroyed. Captain Eslick stated that those fingerprints were for that reason destroyed and same were not available for transmittal to the Division.

It is suggested that you have an Agent from your office make a final check of the situation at Fort Smith, and if Carney is still in the hospital there his fingerprints should be again taken and proper action pursued to enable the Division, or the Special Agents thereof, to examine same in comparison with the fingerprints of Floyd.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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December 11, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to your letter of November 13, 1933, addressed to the St. Louis office, referring to Confidential Informant No. 1, with whom contact was had by Special Agent J. J. Keating at Chicago.

It appears that the informant referred to one W. F. Weiss, alias W. F. Weiser, alias Big Bill Westerman, a former associate of Subject Miller, and it is shown in your letter that it is probable that W. F. Weiss may be in St. Louis.

It is requested that you advise whether or not the individual known as Weiss is identical with William Weisman, frequently mentioned in this case as a suspect. If so, you are requested to pursue this information through the confidential informant further, with a view to apprehending Weisman, who is wanted at Elizabeth, New Jersey, for murder, and may be implicated in this case.

Very truly yours,

R. E. CONRY
Special Agent in Charge

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Suite L. Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri

December 11, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

With further reference to the conference held in this case at Kansas City by the various Special Agents in Charge on December 4th, which you attended, the matter has been fully considered relative to securing an indictment against Charles Arthur Floyd at this time in connection with the instant matter, and I have discussed same telephonically with Mr. Hughes of the Division.

It is not deemed advisable to have such indictment returned, or to secure any process for Floyd in connection with this case at the present time, due to the probability that the fact would be immediately published, and such publicity might have an unfavorable reaction on the entire investigation. Therefore, the process will not be secured, but immediately upon the apprehension of Floyd, a complaint and warrant will be issued at Kansas City, Missouri, against him in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

E. E. COTNEY, Division of Investigation
Special Agent in Charge.

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801 Title Guaranty Bldg.
Saint Louis, Missouri
December 13, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled
VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased) et al,
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash).

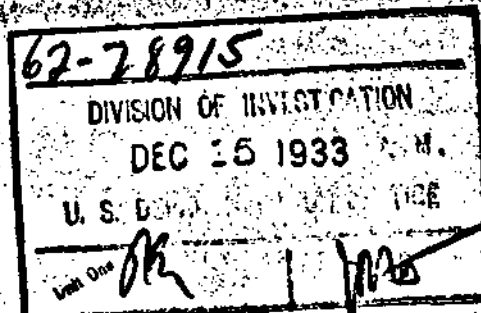
On December 13, 1933 Mr. Brooks, Chief
Clerk of the Frisco Railway at St. Louis, Missouri,
telephoned this office and advised that a brother
of Frank Nash, one Hebie Engle Nash, age 51 years,
was at this time in custody of the County authori-
ties at Benton, Missouri, charged with murder. Mr.
Brooks stated that he was transmitting copies of
the fingerprints of this individual to the Division
in Washington, and that he desired to advise this
Division relative to the arrest of Hebie Nash.

Special Agent George J. Cross of this
office, who is presently in Sikeston, Missouri, has
been instructed to interview Nash in an effort to
obtain possible information relative to the partici-
pants in the Kansas City massacre, as well as in an
effort to obtain information concerning the present
whereabouts of Richard Galatas.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division
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511 Hurley-Wright Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

December 15, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Ill.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases,
ET AL, Obstruction of Justice
(Effort to deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash).

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 14, 1933, addressed to the New York office in the above entitled case. The second paragraph on page 3 of said letter refers to a pair of brown wool swimming trunks, a white wool swimming upper, and a pair of expensive riding breeches, which were forwarded to this office under separate cover for identification purposes.

The investigation in question has been completed and accordingly the above described articles are being returned to your office under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

G. G. Schenken,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Federal Building, Suite 1
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Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 7th in connection with the Kansas City massacre case, your file number 62-760.

From the investigation conducted by this office, it would appear that in July, 1932 Escar B. (Eddie) Conner, husband of Louise Conner, was living at 1402 Grand Avenue, Asbury Park, New Jersey, with his wife. At that time John Rumer and his supposed wife, Susie Rumer, were living at 370 Sterling Place, Long Branch, New Jersey. On July 29, 1932 Susie shot and killed Conner at the place where the Rumers were living. Susie Rumer was held and made a confession in which she admitted killing Conner and said she did it for the reason that he was trying to take her away from her husband and her family. John Rumer was held as a material witness, as was also Louise Conner. The latter two were subsequently released. Following her confession Susie Rumer was sent to the insane asylum at Freehold, New Jersey for the purpose of observation. She remained there for some few months and in the Spring of 1933 she was adjudged permanently insane and sent to the State Insane Asylum, Trenton, N.J., where she is now confined. The body of Eddie Conner was cremated by his wife. There was no information or evidence tending in any way to implicate Galatas; indeed, his name did not figure in the investigation which followed the murder.

For your information, Monmouth County, New Jersey has for the past few years been a summer resort for the New York and New Jersey gangsters, and particularly, the large liquor operators. The County contains such coastal cities as Atlantic Highlands where Al Lillienthal had his radio station, Red Bank, Long Branch, Asbury Park, Deal, and Belmar. The cities are practically wide open, especially with respect to gambling. The Longie mob uses Belmar as its base during the summer.

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During the course of the investigation here, it was never intimated or shown that Galetas had such connections with the Manhattan and New Jersey mobs as would lead one to infer that he has been in this district for the past few months.

It is suggested that further investigation be conducted with respect to John Rumer at Indianapolis, who, according to Louise Conner, is friendly with Galetas.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

cc. Division



Suite 1
Federal Building
Kansas City.

December 12, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased)
ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER
FEDERAL PRISONER.

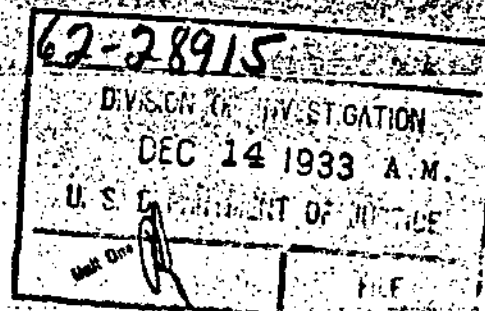
Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith eight photostat copies of the photograph of Hilber Underhill, which were received from the San Antonio office attached to a copy of letter addressed by that office to you dated November 29th. There is also transmitted one additional photographic copy, in an enlarged size, of the same likeness of Underhill, which is considered the best known photograph found to date.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Division
San Antonio
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DECEMBER 12, 1933.



Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Please refer to the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated at Kansas City, Missouri 12-8-1933, in the case of Vernon C. Miller (Deceased) Et Al - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, especially to pages 5, 6, 7 and 15.

The report in question deals specifically with Subject Galatas, showing on the pages mentioned herein information which indicates a possibility that the wife of Galatas has relatives in Detroit, Michigan, and that Galatas is a property owner there.

During this particular season it appears desirable that concentrated effort be made to locate this Fugitive through communications that may probably pass between his wife or himself and their various relatives.

It is requested that you perform the desired investigation at Detroit, Michigan, in an endeavor to locate the relatives of Mrs. Galatas, and the property of that Subject as a means to the end desired.

You will also note on page 12 of the report in question the names of several individuals in Detroit, Michigan, who are no doubt close friends of Galatas, especially does this appear true in the case of Edward A. Attix, Attorney, Penobscot Building, there.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
E. L. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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December 12, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
318 Hewes Building,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Please refer to the report by Special Agent
Mr. R. Ramsey, Jr., dated at San Francisco California, September
19th. Due to recent developments indicating that James A. Lawson
may have been in the vicinity of Hot Springs, Arkansas, on June 18,
1933, and might have been in personal contact with some of the in-
dividuals who participated in the instant massacre, it is deemed ad-
visable to request that a thorough investigation be made to ascertain
the location of Lawson, if possible, during the month of June, 1933.
It is noted in the report of Agent Ramsey that Lawson claimed to have
been in San Francisco for a year prior to his arrest on September 14,
1933.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
Special Agent in Charge.

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1206 Law & Finance Bldg.,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

November 28, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases,
Identification Order No. 1195,
Fugitive, et al - Obstruction of
Justice (Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 17, 1933, at which time you forwarded to the Pittsburgh Division Office a card bearing micro-photographs of a portion of a lead slug and of a fired shell case, which were prepared by Merle A. Gill, ballisticsian of Kansas City, Mo., said photographs having reference to the above entitled matter.

For your information please be advised that these micro-photographs were exhibited to C. R. Cobb, ballisticsian of the West Virginia State Police at Charleston, West Virginia, who has made a careful study of the photographs and made notations relative to the identification marks, and stated that in the future, should he obtain shells or lead slugs from machine gun shootings anywhere in the State of West Virginia, same will be carefully examined and compared with the notations which he has made from the photographs in question.

Inquiry develops that there are no ballisticsians in the larger cities covered by the Pittsburgh Division Office in the Western District of Pennsylvania, aside from a ballisticsian located at Pittsburgh. The photographs in question have been left with Mr. James L. Davidson, Chief Clerk, Allegheny County Morgue, Pittsburgh, Pa., who will compare them with shells and slugs coming into his possession from time to time as a result of machine gun shootings, and if he finds said markings to be identical, will immediately advise the Pittsburgh Division Office.

Very truly yours,

H. A. BANCHELT, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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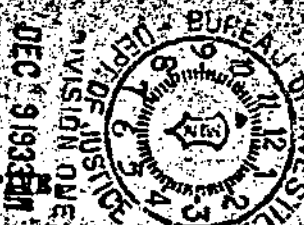
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801 Liberty National Life Bldg.,
Birmingham, Alabama,
December 8, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite L,
Kansas City, Mo.

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1195, et al.
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).



Dear Sir:

Mr. Herbert H. Harper, attorney at Memphis, Tennessee, and former assistant United States Attorney at Memphis, contacted Special Agent R. E. Peterson on December 6, 1933, advising that Luther Graves, attorney for Mrs. Birdie Mahoney, owner of the Lonely Acres Supper Club, at which place Mrs. E. B. Conner was apprehended, had contacted him at the time that Mrs. Conner was in custody at Memphis, and had requested that he associate himself with Mr. Graves in the event that Mrs. Conner retained Mr. Graves as her attorney, as she had contemplated at that time.

Mr. Harper now advises Agent Peterson that Mrs. Mahoney is interested in having Mrs. Conner released on bond and will make her bond in the event that the amount is reasonable. Mr. Harper also advised that in the event that a reasonable bond is set, he has been advised by a confidential informant that this informant will contact a certain party in St. Louis, Mo., through whom the informant is quite certain to obtain the whereabouts of Richard Galatas, and that this information will then be communicated to Agent Peterson.

Mr. Harper stated that he wished it to be understood that he and Mr. Graves wish to cooperate with the Government, insofar as legal ethics permit them, and that their only interest in the matter is that of attorneys. He stated that his informant has advised him that it would not be advisable to permit Mrs. Conner to obtain any information as to this matter.

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It seems that Mrs. Mahoney has some money due her from Mrs. Conner, and is of the belief that Mrs. Conner has a sum of money at her disposal, and hopes to obtain payment in the event that she makes Mrs. Conner's bond. In addition to this reason, it is probable that Mrs. Mahoney

has other reasons for wanting Mrs. Conner released.

Mr. Harper asked that this office communicate with you to ascertain what could be done with reference to the above mentioned matter. He stated that he feels quite certain that the informant would be able to obtain information as to the whereabouts of Galatas.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Division ✓

1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

December 8, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Captain Harmon, who is in charge of the State Police Identification Bureau, Lansing, Michigan, came in to see me this morning and informed me that he has an informant in Chicago who told him yesterday that the persons who killed Verne Miller were Pete Licavoli and Freddie Fredericks, killers for the Purple Gang in Detroit. He stated that this informant advised him that some weeks ago he saw Verne Miller in Chicago, at which time Miller told him that he was endeavoring to get in with the Purple Gang in Detroit and that the only persons who objected to it were Abe Axel and one other member of the gang, who was also killed recently with Axel.

Verne Miller is alleged to have stated to the Purple Gang that he desired to become connected with them and that they informed him that he should leave this section of the country for at least six months, until things died down a bit. He refused to do this and when he found opposition in Abe Axel and the other member of the gang, he is thought by this informant to have killed them. This informant's theory, according to Captain Harmon, is that Licavoli and Fredericks killed Verne Miller as a matter of revenge for the deaths of Axel and the other Purple gangster who was killed recently.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite 1 Federal Building
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December 6, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I O #1195, ET AL
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (ENDEAVOR TO DELIVER
FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH)

Confirming my telephone conversation had with you on December 5th, reference is made to report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, November 28, 1933. Particular attention is invited to pages 7, 8 and 9 of that report. It appears that there were telephone calls from Chicago, Illinois, to Vernon C. Miller, or others, at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 16th, which have not been to date discovered. Suggestions are made in the report that certain telephones in Chicago be checked to secure a record of these calls. In view of the fact that it is evidently the custom in most places of the telephone companies to destroy long distance telephone records at the end of one year from the date calls are made, immediate attention should be given to this phase of the investigation, and photostatic copies of the toll tickets should be made and the originals preserved.

It has occurred through discussion of this case, that friends of Nash might have put Richard Tallman Galatas and Vernon C. Miller in contact with each other on the night of June 16th, by calling from Chicago, Illinois, to Kansas City, Missouri, where Miller was reached and then by calling Hot Springs, Arkansas, in order to relay the information to Galatas as to where he could reach Miller. It is noted that Galatas' telephone in Hot Springs, Arkansas, was 3842, and the telephone of Mrs. E. E. Conner, a close friend of Galatas in Hot Springs, was 2970. While Galatas

was in Joplin, Missouri, on the night of June 16th, he was in communication, telephonically, with both these Hot Springs telephones; therefore, in your investigation in Chicago, it should be borne in mind that calls might have gone by way of Hot Springs, Arkansas, from Chicago, which would have an important bearing on this case.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

December 6, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1420 Enquirer Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter addressed to the Kansas City office from the Cincinnati office under date of November 29, 1933, relative to the case of Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, et al, Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.)

In regard to the data shown in the second paragraph of that letter, it is also shown from the report of Special Agent L. G. Turrou, dated at New York City, November 29, 1933, that John Rumer and his wife are the individuals who were held in connection with the killing of Isaac B. (alias Eddie) Conner, the husband of Louise Conner, a Subject in this case. Mrs. Conner is now in custody at Kansas City, Missouri. She has stated that Conner was killed by a woman in Asbury Park, New Jersey during July, 1932, and that she had the body cremated and did not press a prosecution for murder. She stated the ashes of Conner were placed in a repository in Trenton, New Jersey. Also she stated that the woman who killed him was subsequently declared insane and committed to an insane asylum. Richard Tallman Galatas is known to have been a friend of Louise Conner and Eddie Conner for at least seventeen years.

The instant investigation at this time is particularly concentrated upon an effort to apprehend Galatas, and the matter is being principally handled as a special assignment out of the Kansas City office. However, the thought should be borne in mind that efforts are being so concentrated. The offices to which copies of this letter are directed should refer to page 2 of the letter from the Cincinnati office and perform immediate and exhaustive investigation to determine thru recipients of telephone calls

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and telegrams listed there any possible information which might have the ultimate result of bringing about the apprehension of Galatas.

It is requested that any information, which may indicate the whereabouts of Galatas be immediately communicated by telephone or telegraph to the Kansas City office, in order that Agents especially assigned to this case may assist in development of leads to the apprehension of that Subject, in view of their familiarity with this case.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc(2)New York City
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SUITE L - FEDERAL BLDG.
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
NOVEMBER 14, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Dear Sir:



RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. 1195, ET AL - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash) Kansas City File 62-760.

Reference is made to your letter of October 26, 1933,
relative to the two automatic pistols formerly in possession
of George Kelly Barnes.

The test bullets fired from these pistols, forwarded
with your letter, were examined by Kerle A. Gill, Ballistician
at Kansas City. Mr. Gill stated that the cartridge cases and
bullets furnished by you upon comparison with the evidence bullets
in the instant matter are not found to be similar. However, he
stated that the make of the test cartridges are of a different
manufacture than the ones held in evidence and would show, therefore,
a difference in the recoil impressions when fired due to different
alloys used in the construction of the cartridges. The make of
the evidence case is Remington UMC. He stated that all test bullets
fired from suspected weapons in the Plaza shootings should be
fired with Remington UMC ammunition. It will be borne in mind
that there appeared only one .45 caliber automatic pistol in the
instant slayings, according to Mr. Gill's analysis of the bullets
found.

This is to request that either you secure test bullets
of this nature or that the pistols in question be forwarded to
this office. There is a probability that George Kelly Barnes may
have been implicated in this massacre. It is deemed advisable,
therefore, to exert every precaution to properly analyze weapons
formerly in his possession.

Very truly yours,

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cc - Division

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE



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900 Ears Thompson Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah,
November 16, 1933

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases,
et al.
Obstruction of Justice
J.L. File 82-474

Dear Sir:

Under date of October 17, 1933, you wrote the San Francisco Office and furnished that office a card bearing micro-photographs of a portion of a lead slug and of a fired shell case, which were prepared by Marie A. Gill, Forensic Ballistician of Kansas City, Mo. A copy of that letter was forwarded to me, together with a card bearing similar micro-photographs of a portion of a lead slug and of a fired shell case.

For your information I wish to inform that there are only two known Forensic Ballisticians in this territory, namely, Mr. Lee Knapp, who maintains a gun shop at 1038 18th Street, Denver, Colo., and serves the Denver and Colorado Springs, Colo. Police Departments as a Forensic Ballistician and Lieutenant Edwin Hedman of the Salt Lake City, Utah Police Department, who serves the Salt Lake City, Utah Department of Police, as well as Law Enforcement Officers throught the state of Wyoming, in a similar capacity.

The micro-photographs were exhibited to Lee Knapp and Lieutenant Edwin Hedman and both made a study of the photographs and will keep the matter in mind. However, each of them would like to have a copy of the micro-photographs and I will be pleased if you will send me two copies so that one can be placed in the possession of each.

In this respect, Mr. Lee Knapp advised Agent J. D. Swenson of this office that in his opinion a lead

slug bullet could not be fired from a Thompson machine gun inasmuch as no ammunition is made for that gun or for a .45 calibre automatic revolver which have lead slugs. Mr. Knapp stated that the last lead slug bullets made for the use of .45 calibre revolvers was in 1917.

Mr. Knapp stated that the photograph of the slug furnished me by you appeared to him to be of a steel or nickel jacket shell and the photograph of the shell indicates to him that nickel jacket slugs were fired. It appears that the photograph of the slugs is considered not very clear, not showing what section of the bullet was photographed. Mr. Knapp expressed a desire to have a photograph of one of the slugs showing the rifling marks.

Lieutenant Edwin Hodgman considered the photographs excellent ones and he expressed the opinion that a lead slug could be fired from a Thompson machine gun if the lead slug was the first bullet fired and also stated that the lead slug could be placed by hand.

Please give consideration to furnishing this office with two additional copies of the micro-photographs referred to so that one can be placed in the possession of those men.

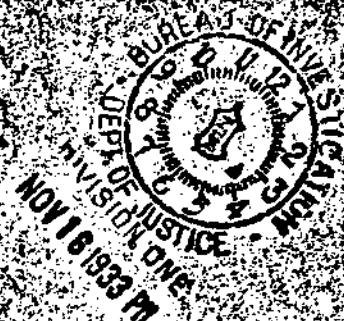
Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD
Special Agent in Charge

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
NOVEMBER 14, 1933.



Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
203 Post Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1195, ET AL - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank
Kash) Kansas City File 62-760-

Reference is made to your letter of November 8, 1933, regarding the machine gun found in a stream near Cannon Falls, Minnesota, which you state is reported, through confidential information, to have been placed in the stream where found about the first of the year, 1933, by members of the Roger D. Touhy Gang.

It is requested that if possible test bullets be secured from this gun and forwarded to the Kansas City Office. It may be that your information is reliable and that the gun has no connection with the instant matter. However, if it would not be a great deal of trouble to secure these test bullets this office desires to have same compared with evidence bullets in this matter.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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WILLIAM LARSON
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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DETROIT MICHIGAN

Chicago, Illinois
December 8, 1933

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

1930 Bankers Bldg.
Chicago, Illinois
December 9, 1933



Dear Sir:-

Re: VERNIE MILLER with aliases, Fugitive,
I. O. 1195, et al,
Obstruction of Justice (Attempt to deliver
Frank Nash, Federal Prisoner)
Chicago file 62-1649

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Reference is made to your telephone call of December 6, 1933, in which you advised that Subject Dick Galatas was associating with one John Rumer, alias John Harris, who is at the present time at the Jefferson Hotel, South Bend, Indiana, and that it was possible that Galatas might be with him at that point.

Special Agents H. H. Reinecke, A. D. McHegan, and J. T. Hartin proceeded to South Bend, Indiana yesterday, and ascertained that Harris was still registered at the Jefferson Hotel, but has been out of the hotel since December 5, 1933. These agents are still conducting investigation at South Bend.

It was ascertained by Special Agent Reinecke that on November 12, 1933, Harris had called Diversy 9905, at Chicago, Illinois. It was ascertained that this number is the number of the Commonwealth Hotel, located at Pine Grove Avenue, and Diversy Parkway, in Chicago. Special Agent Metcalfe conducted investigation at this hotel today and determined that a Mr. and Mrs. John J. Grady had lived at that hotel from November 4 to 6, 1933, and November 10 to 14, inclusive. Mrs. Grady was the one who registered in both instances, and gave no address from which she came, and Mr. Grady would come to the hotel late at night. On the evening of November 15, 1933, Mrs. J. Harris, evidently the wife of John Harris, stayed with the Gradys. Mr. Grady was seen only by the night clerk. Agent Metcalfe interviewed this night clerk whose name is Allen Miste, 6032 St. Lawrence Avenue, Dorchester 7547, and upon being shown the picture of Subject Galatas, he identified this picture as being identical with J. Grady, who stayed at the Commonwealth Hotel. He was very positive in his identification.

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It was ascertained that the Gradya drove a Buick automobile, bearing Michigan license plates Y-4589 and that on November 18, 1933 they placed a long-distance telephone call to phone Kennedy 25800, Detroit, Michigan. As requested in my wire of even date, it is desired that you ascertain who the owner of the above license plate is, the identity of the subscriber to telephone Kennedy 25800, bearing in mind that it is possible that either one of these individuals may be Galatas or an associate of his.

The above information was also telephonically communicated to Special Agent D. E. Hall at Toledo, Ohio, for transmittal by him to Mr. Larson and Mr. Keith.

Very truly yours,

M. E. FURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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CC Division
Kansas City.

1900 BANKERS BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

December 9, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
525 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.



Dear Sir:

In re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases,
I. O. #1195; et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor
to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash) CHICAGO FILE NO. 62-1649

A confidential informant has advised Special Agent J. J. Keating that the killing of Verne Miller was apparently perpetrated by the Burnstein brothers who control the Purple Gang at Detroit, Michigan. He further advised that Fletcher and Axel, Detroit gangsters, killed recently, were members of this gang; that if Phillip Fredericks and Pete Licavoli were in Detroit at the time Miller was there, they would undoubtedly be the actual killers. The informant further advised that Miller's connections in the vicinity of Detroit were Johnny Grady and a man known to the Detroit police as Reggie. Johnny Grady is reported to operate a roadhouse about fifteen miles out of Pontiac, Michigan, and about forty miles from Detroit.

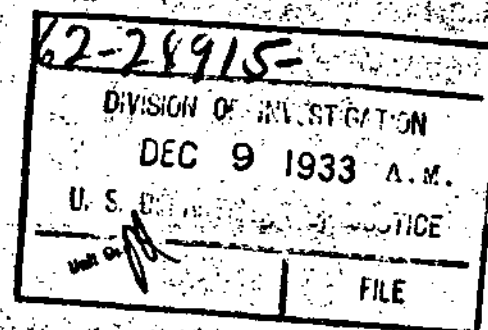
The above information is being supplied to you for such assistance as it may be in this case.

Very truly yours,

M. H. FURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite 1, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
December 7, 1933



Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash)

There is being transmitted herewith report of Special Agent
R. E. Peterson, Birmingham, December 2, 1933, regarding the entitled
case.

The excerpts from the report referred to above were given to
Special Agent in Charge J. M. Keith, over long distance telephone, at
the Commodore Perry Hotel, Toledo, Ohio, today, who advised that he was
developing leads in connection with material set forth in the letter
from the Cincinnati office to this office, dated November 29, 1933. Mr.
Keith stated that a telephone call, under pretext, had been made to
Dr. J. F. Earp at which time it was learned that Bill, apparently William
Earp, and John, apparently John Harris, were at the Jefferson Hotel in
South Bend, Indiana, and that Dick G, presumably Richard Galatas, was with
them. Mr. Keith further advised that John Harris had been located at
South Bend, Indiana, but that William Earp was expected back at Toledo,
Ohio, this afternoon. Mr. Keith further advised that a telegram had been
uncovered, signed Helen, addressed to Mrs. George F. Christenson of
Stevenson, Washington. She advised that Norman and Daddy were driving
through. This office is in possession of no information which would
identify those parties.

Special Agent W. F. Trainor has just made a detailed review of the
files of this office and has dictated a consolidated report containing all
available information regarding Richard Talman Galatas. He informs me
that in addition to the matter contained in the report being transmitted
herewith there apparently is no information contained in the files of this

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office not already in the possession of the Detroit office which would be of any value to the investigation now being conducted at Toledo.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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1420 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

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December 15, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Re: RICHARD TALMAN GALATAS with aliases -
FUGITIVE - I.O. #1201;
WILSON UNDERHILL with aliases -
FUGITIVE - I.O. #1191;
MRS. E.B. CORNER with aliases -
FUGITIVE - et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner, Frank Nash).

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 23, 1933, to the Kansas City Office, relative to rewards outstanding for Charles Arthur (alias "Pretty Boy") Floyd, in which it is indicated that information had been received to the effect that the Ohio Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, offered a reward of \$1,000.00 for delivery of Subject to that institution.

Warden P. E. Thomas of the Ohio Penitentiary has advised that they have no official record of this individual inasmuch as he was never delivered to their custody, and that they have never offered any reward for his delivery; further that they only offer rewards for prisoners who have escaped from this institution and that these rewards are limited to \$50.00.

Very truly yours,

BLISS MORTON,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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625 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit Michigan
December 11 1933

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403
New York City, New York

Re: KAMEO

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication dated November 20, 1933 directed to the Cincinnati office requesting that the photograph of one Sammy Schrager with aliases be exhibited to Kathryn Kelly for the purpose of determining if the photograph is that of the "Sammy" about whom she referred while recently interviewed by Agents of the Cincinnati office. It will be noted that this matter was referred to Detroit in view of the incarceration of Mrs. Kelly at Milan, Michigan, to which point she was recently removed.

Mrs. Kelly was interviewed by me yesterday concerning this matter and upon viewing the photograph in question, which is being returned herewith pursuant to request, she stated that this is the person to whom she had reference, further advising that she knew him as Sammy Weinstein. She also stated that he associated himself with a girl named "Pigeon" who, Mrs. Kelly stated, at one time worked in a cabaret at Montreal, Quebec, Canada. She further advised that Sammy lived with Vern Miller at the President Hotel in Kansas City about two or three years ago and that he was very closely connected with Miller; that while Sammy was in Kansas City she, Mrs. Kelly and Vivian Matthews, a paramour of Miller, lived in an apartment on Linwood Avenue across the street from the Commodore Apartments and that both Sammy and Vern Miller visited their apartment at that time. She also stated that this Sammy with Vern Miller, Harvey Bailey, George Kelly, Thomas Holden and Francis Keating, committed a bank robbery at Sherman, Texas about one year ago. This information might be of value in showing the close association of Miller and Sammy.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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December 18 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

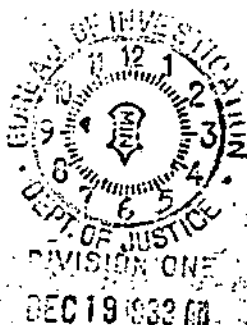
It is requested that at your earliest convenience you determine and advise the Kansas City office and the Division as to any outstanding rewards in the State of Oklahoma for the capture of Wilber Underhill. It is believed probable that there may be a reward for his capture offered by the State pursuant to his escape from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

December 14, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
(DECEASED); et al, FUGITIVES.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor
to deliver Federal Prisoner FRANK NASH.)
St. Paul File No. 62-288.

Reference is made to the letter of the Kansas City Division Office, dated December 8, 1933, replying to the letter from the Cincinnati Office dated November 29, 1933, regarding this case. In the letter of November 29, 1933, there is shown a telephone call from CALBOT 2151, Indianapolis, Indiana, to DR. GOODRICH, Goodrich Sanitarium, Minneapolis, Minnesota, CHERRY 2182.

DR. GOODRICH has for years operated what purports to be a rest haven for dope addicts. GOODRICH is not a doctor but claims to effect cures of dope addicts. For some time he has been suspected of harboring criminals. His residence has been raided by Agents of this office and Minneapolis police, and DR. GOODRICH has been questioned in the past. The experience of this office has been that he gives no information whatever and will not cooperate. He will be interviewed again. Members of the TOUHY mob of Chicago have stayed at his place in Minneapolis and at a place he also has at Amendale, Minnesota, on a lake. These two places have been classified in the past by this office as hoodlum hangouts.

Further reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. F. Troinor, dated 11-26-33, at Kansas City. Page 4 of said report shows a telephone call on June 17, 1933, at 12:01 A.M., to BURTON 2121, in St. Paul. BURTON 2121 is the Hollyhocks Cafe operated by EARL McKENNA and JACK PRATYER, St. Paul hoodlums. JACK PRATYER has been questioned regarding this call by Special Agent in Charge Werner Henmi but supplied no information. He is to be questioned again in the near future. Page 5 of said report shows a telephone call to CEDAR 9942 at St. Paul. CEDAR 9942 is a pay-station at 543 Wabasha Street, St. Paul.

listed under the name of GEORGE HAYES. This telephone is, in fact, in the joint of HARRY SAWYER, St. Paul hoodlum. HARRY SAWYER'S telephone calls have been checked periodically for the past two years by this office in the KEATING-KOLDEN investigation and in this case. At times, information of value has been secured but nothing has been secured of value with reference to this case, recently.

There is also listed on the same page of the above mentioned report, a telephone call to DALE 7605, St. Paul. This telephone is listed to O.B. LIND, 649 St. Clair, St. Paul, who is unknown to this office.

Further reference is made to the report of Special Agent E.J. Wynn, dated September 1, 1933, at Cincinnati, Ohio; on page 2 of said report there is a notation that DUPONT 9012, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was called from room 703, by HALSETH, in the Terra Haute House, Terra Haute, Indiana, on June 10, 1933. DUPONT 9012 is listed to W.J. TOBIN, 3211 East 35th Street North, Minneapolis. MR. TOBIN is a salesman, according to the city directory, and in view of this, no further inquiry is being made regarding that call. Page 6 of said report shows a call on September 26, 1933, from room 921 to MIDWAY 5622, at St. Paul, Minnesota. MIDWAY 5622 is listed to HARRY KENDALL, 1465 Summit Avenue, St. Paul. MR. KENDALL is sales manager of the Meyerhaeuser Sales Company. This is a lumber concern.

This information is being submitted to you in accordance with your request of December 6, 1933.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM HANDEL,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Cincinnati
CC Chicago



Suite 1, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
December 16, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased), et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Mr. Jack Jenkins, Acting Chief of Detectives, Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department, informed this office on the morning of December 16, 1933, that he had received word from James P. Dempsey, 1602 Spruce Street, Texarkana, Texas, that some men, number not stated, together with a woman, who uses the names Ruby Ingram and Helen Smith, advised that the parties are driving a car, make unknown, bearing a Kansas license, number not stated. It was stated, however, that the Kansas license was checked from Texarkana and found to be issued to a car different from the one in possession of the parties.

Dempsey informed the Kansas City, Kansas, Police that the woman, known as Ruby Ingram, resembles the wife of Charles Arthur Floyd, alias Pretty Boy Floyd. It was also stated by Dempsey that the individuals in question are carrying several rifles.

A telegram was dispatched to your office on December 16, 1933, furnished the above information and requested that appropriate check be made at Texarkana, Texas, through contact with Mr. Dempsey. No other details are available to the Kansas City office in this connection at present.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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SUITE L. FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY

December 18, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

With reference to the test bullet fired from Thompson sub-machine gun recovered near Cannon Falls, Minnesota, submerged in a stream and recently transmitted by your office to Kansas City, an analysis thereof by Merle A. Gill, Forensic Ballistician, Kansas City, discloses that same does not compare as identical with any of the bullets available as evidence in this case.

With reference to the machine-gun slug found as evidence after the bank robbery at Brainard, Minnesota, received from your office on December 11th, and referred to in the report by Special Agent O. G. Hall, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, 12-7-1933, this has also been analyzed by Mr. Gill with negative results. The slug will be returned to you under separate cover shortly.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPRAR
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite 1 Federal Building
Kansas City

December 15, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1216 Smith-Young Tower Building,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Recently during a conference at Kansas City, Missouri, between several Special Agents in Charge, with reference to this case, it was determined that there is a con man known as "Duckie" believed to be a close friend of Richard Tallman Calatas, who makes his home in El Paso, Texas. The last name of the individual known as Duckie has not been available. It is suggested, however, that he would probably be known to others in the confidence game at El Paso, and it is requested that all possible investigation with reference to this angle be made.

Very truly yours,

W. C. SPEAR
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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420 Post Office Building

December 14, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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DEC 18 1933

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases,
FUGITIVE et al; Obstruction of Justice.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 29, 1933. Mr. W. R. Rolfe is well known in Texarkana, Texas-Arkansas as a "lease-hound". He was one of the persons who promoted a block of acreage at Nash, Bowie County, Texas, last year, but drilled a dry hole and went broke. He has been hanging around the Chamber of Commerce at Texarkana trying to interest it in promoting oil activity in that section. He had some local people interested for a time, but the oil industry died there and left him broke.

Rolfe roomed at the Holman Hotel, Texarkana, Texas for a time and while there purchased a 1926 model Lincoln Sedan from the Dreyer Motor Company for \$240.00. He induced Mr. William S. King, 504 State National Bank Building, Texarkana, to endorse his paper at the Dreyer Motor Company for said car.

Rolfe left Texarkana and went to Palestine, Texas a few weeks ago to play the oil game there, but had no luck and Mr. McCain, at 603 North Sycamore Street, in Texarkana, is holding his personal belongings for room and board.

The Dreyer Motor Company of this city is trying to locate his car since they had promised Mr. King they would sequester same in the event they located it.

Mr. R. B. Reed, Manager of the Dreyer Motor Company, at Texarkana, advised that the last information he had on Rolfe was that he had been stopping at the Gleason Hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas, but checked out of there about December 2nd, 1933; that the Shoemaker Rush Auto Company knew him and were going to attach the car in the event they could locate same in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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Rolfe is described as being:

Age	50
Height	5' 8"
Weight	145
Hair	Light
Eyes	Grey-blue
Complexion	Very Fair
Dress	Neat- looks the part of an oil man. Smooth-shaven, talks convincingly, is a good salesman.

No information could be obtained regarding his antecedents or from where he came. He attempted to associate with the best in Texarkana.

Chief of Police Jack Rannels advised that he had no information concerning Rolfe.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Kansas City

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DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
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NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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J. C. WILLEYER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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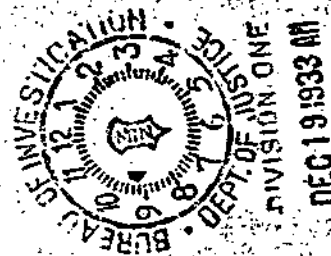
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201 LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE BUILDING
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KANMO INFORM AGENT HAROLD ANDERSEN WHO WILL CALL FROM MEMPHIS TODAY
MRS. CONNER NOW RETURNED HOT SPRINGS ARKANSAS INSTRUCT ANDERSEN ADVISE
KANSAS CITY NEXT CONTEMPLATED MOVE

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KANSAS CITY

December 15, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to the discussion during a recent conference in Kansas City, when Special Agent in Charge Colvin mentioned that Ed Davis, Subject of Identification Order No. 1195, has relatives near Chickasha, Oklahoma, and might possibly be found in that vicinity on some farm.

It is suggested that investigation be made in the vicinity of Chickasha at the earliest practicable time to determine any available information relative to the whereabouts of Davis.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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KANNO JAMES P DEMPSEY SIXTEEN NAUGHT TWO SPRUCE TEXARKANA TEXAS INFORMED KANSASCITY
KANSAS POLICE SOME MAN AND A WOMAN IN CAR KANSAS LICENSE HAVING FIREARMS NOW AT

TEXARKANA WOMAN GIVING NAME RUBY INGRAM RESEMBLING WIFE PRETTY BOY FLOYD STOP LICENSE
ALLEGEDLY ISSUED DIFFERENT CAR STOP CONTACT DEMPSEY HANDLE

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411 U. S. Court House
Portland, Oregon

December 14, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1206 Law and Finance Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Dear Sir:

Re: VERNE C. MILLER, et al
Obstruction of Justice; Endeavor
to Deliver Federal Prisoner,
Frank Nash.

Reference is made to your letter of November 15, 1933, concerning letter received by the United States Attorney, Pittsburgh, from one Walter B. Heisel, Box 1194, Juneau, Alaska, containing information and a complaint regarding Heisel's son, Walter Heisel, Jr. In response to a communication from this office, Mr. Heisel advises as follows:

"Referring to your letter of the 25th ultimo regarding my son Walter, will say that early in October I mailed by registry to the U. S. Attorney, Pittsburg, Pa. the original threatening letter which I had just received from him and requested that he be apprehended. Not having heard from the U. S. Attorney I was wondering why no action was taken. The address was the address of his relatives and it seems strange he cannot be traced, as I supposed he would stay at that address long enough to receive the money which he hoped I would be so foolish as to send.

"You mention about him being formerly confined in the Missouri State Pen at Kansas City. You were misinformed; I wrote that he was confined at a Pen at LANSING, KANSAS, which would be a Kansas State Prison, having been received there from a reform school at Hutchinson, Kansas. The prison break was at Lansing, and he wrote me something about it but I destroyed the letter at the time, altho I am sure he was not in the prison at the time. He was in Kansas City at the time of the so-called massacre and knowing he was associated with criminals, felt that if he was not actually at the station when it happened, knew something about it before hand, altho I am sorry I did not

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keep any of his letters.

"Before my son drove to Pittsburg, the last address I had of him was 2316 Jackson St., Kansas City, Mo.; before that 2412 Virginia St., same city; before that 4209 Campbell St., same City. I do hope your officers can apprehend him and indict him for the sending through the mails of the extortion letter referred to."

Copy of this letter is being indicated for the Kansas City office, and copies of the correspondence from the Pittsburgh office, under date of November 15th, are also being attached to copy of this letter for the Kansas City office, in order that it may be completely informed.

The foregoing appears self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,

H. A. KING, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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December 18, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to certain information mentioned by Special Agent in Charge R. H. Colvin on December 4th during the conference at the Kansas City office to the effect that a certain doctor (probably a Dr. Mc Lendon) at Seminole, Oklahoma, is reported to treat certain bandits and probably has attended Charles Arthur Floyd. It is suggested that such investigation may be conducted in a very discreet manner with reference to this angle be made.

There is in process of typing a report calling for investigation at Seminole, Oklahoma, with reference to a party known as "Curly," who approached one Dr. Farr at Kansas City, Mo., on June 20, 1933, requesting medical aid for a wounded gangster, name unknown. It was later stated by the individual known as Curly to Dr. Farr on June 20th that some of the gang had taken the wounded man to Seminole, Oklahoma, for medical aid.

The information mentioned by Special Agent in Charge Colvin relative to the doctor at Seminole, Oklahoma, believed to be Dr. Mc Lendon there, should be borne in mind in connection with other investigation to be made at Seminole.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPYAR
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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326 1/2 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
December 27, 1933.



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
824 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased);
Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases, Fugitive,
I.O. 1201; Robert G. Brady, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. 1190; Harvey J. Bailey, with
aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1189; Wilber Underhill,
with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1191; et al.
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

At the request of United States Attorney Philip H. Keon, Western
District of Louisiana, Shreveport, Louisiana, Dr. J. R. Slicer, Medical
Arts Building, Shreveport, was interviewed by Special Agent James O. Peyronnia
on December 21, 1933, concerning information in possession of Dr. Slicer
relative to CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD. Agent Peyronnia ascertained from
Dr. Slicer that he had as a patient an individual by the name of W. Wiggins,
about 21 years of age, a former employee of the Trans-American Construction
Company, engaged in the construction of a refinery for the Atlas Pipe Line
Company, Shreveport, La., and that Wiggins had informed Dr. Slicer that
Floyd spent most of his time in Oklahoma City and had the protection of a
Deputy Sheriff; further, that Floyd's wife either resides with this Deputy
Sheriff and family or next door. Wiggins has returned to Oklahoma and his
address is not available at the present time.

This information is furnished the Oklahoma City office for whatever
value it may be with respect to the location of "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley, 62-28915
Special Agent in Charge, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

December 26, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice
224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: Richard Talman Calatag,
with aliases - FUGITIVE;
I.O. #1201; et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith an anonymous
communication received at this office indicating that
information concerning the whereabouts of **SILBIE UNDERHILL**
may be obtained from **E.J. Claiborne**, Route 3, Holdenville,
Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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311 Hurley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.

December 26, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SCHERER.

A few days ago, Deputy U. S. Marshal Mayberry of Roanoke, Va. informed Agent that on or about December 12, 1935, he was returning to Roanoke, Va. from Kansas City, Mo. following the delivery of a Federal prisoner to the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas and that a lady got on the train at Kansas City, Missouri who had a berth across the aisle on the pullman car from his berth; that this lady was very much intoxicated at the time and began talking with him, not knowing who he was; that she said her name was Mrs. Connors; that she had just been released on bond, she being connected with the Kansas City massacre; that the authorities had been holding her because a telephone call had been made from her place of business, but that she would not tell them anything about it. She admitted to Deputy Mayberry that a telephone call had been made from her phone and that it was made by a man who was a 32d degree Mason but she would not reveal his name.

Mr. Mayberry said that he, not being acquainted with the facts in the case, did not secure any further information from her and that subsequently she made a remark about a Deputy U. S. Marshal in Kansas City having taken her to some point, he having his wife with him at the time, and remarked how nice this Deputy Marshal was to her; that following this he informed her he too was a Deputy Marshal and that from that point on she would not talk with him at all.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Schoales,
Special Agent.

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311 Hurley-Wright Building,
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December 26, 1933.



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite L,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases,
et al.

Dear Sir:

Obstruction of Justice. (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

Transmitted herewith is a memorandum submitted
by Special Agent J. E. Schoales of this office in which is
contained information furnished him by Deputy Marshal Mayberry
of Roanoke, Virginia to the effect that Mrs. Connors, con-
nected with the Kansas City Massacre made a statement to Mr.
Mayberry on the railroad following her release from Kansas City
on bond on or about December 12, 1933 to the effect that a
telephone call involved in this case had been made from her
place of business by a man who was a 32d degree Mason but whose
name she would not reveal.

Very truly yours,

C. G. SCHIFFEN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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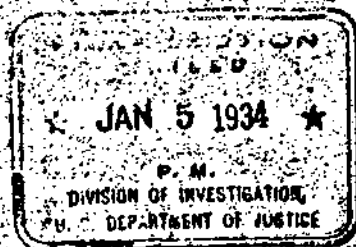
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite L,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER (deceased), et al.,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

In reply to your communication dated December 27, 1933,
I am attaching the record revealed through a search of the
identification files of this Division in the case of the
following:

JAMES LAWSON, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma #11066.
ALVIN KARPIS, Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma #8008.
FRED BARKER, State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas #9834.



Very truly yours,

Director.



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December 27, 1933.

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

<u>Name (inc. aliases)</u>	<u>City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.</u>	<u>Approximate Date Fingerprints for- warded Bureau of Investigation.</u>	<u>Fingerprint Classifica- tion.</u>
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JAMES LAWSON

OKLAHOMA STATE
PENITENTIARY, Mc Alester, Okla.
#11066.

ALVIN KARPIS

TULSA, OKLAHOMA, P.D.
#8008.

FRED BARKER

KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY,
Lansing, Kansas,
#9836.

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Very truly yours,

M. C. Spear

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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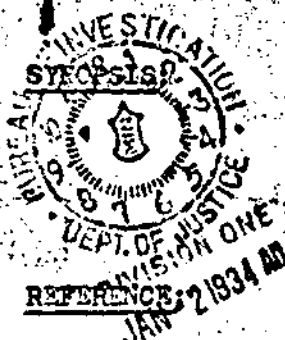
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ALON C. MILLER (Deceased).
 RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE.
 I. O. 1201.
 ROBERT G. BRADY, with aliases, FUG., I. O. 1190.
 HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases, FUG., I. O. 1189.
 WILBER UNDERHILL, with aliases, FUG., I. O. 1191.
 ED DAVIS, with aliases, I. O. 1193.
 SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: BERNARD PHILLIPS, with aliases, I. O. 1196.
 CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
 I. O. 1194, et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE
 Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

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Joe Gilder upon interview advises he has not been away from Sikeston, Mo. since April, 1933; further, that his license plates have not been used by anyone to his knowledge.

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Report of Special Agent George J. Gross, St. Louis, Mo., 10-28-33 and letter from Kansas City Division Office, dated 9-2-33.

DETAILS:

At Sikeston, Mo.

Interview was had with Mr. Gene Potashnick, who is proprietor of the Potashnick Truck Service Co. of Sikeston and the employer of Joe Gilder, Gilder being the owner of Missouri 1933 license plates #498-239. Mr. Potashnick stated that Joe Gilder is working for him as a truck driver and has been so employed since April, 1933; that he does not know of Gilder having been away from his work at any time since the time of employment excepting his regular Sunday holiday; further, that Gilder bears a good reputation and is well liked by those with whom he works.

Interview was then had with Joe Gilder who stated that since April of 1933 he has been employed as a truck driver by the Potashnick Truck Service Co. at Sikeston and that since this time he has not been away from his duties; that he has never at any time been in Kansas City, Mo. during his lifetime.

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further, that he has not taken any trips of any kind; that his car, a Hupmobile Sedan which bears 1933 license plates #498-239, has not been away from Scott County, Mo. for a long period of time, nor has he loaned his plates to anyone for use.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 12-27-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/8-19-20/33	REPORT MADE BY M. B. Klein
TITLE VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased) RICHARD TALMAN GALATAS, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; WILBUR UNDERHILL, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1191, et al SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:			CHARACTER OF CASE CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

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Dr. A. C. Christopher, Mayor, Milford, Ohio, and practicing physician-surgeon in Cincinnati and Milford, Ohio, admits receiving telephone call from Judge George Lindsey of Kansas City, Mo., about October, 1933. Declares he never met Lindsey and knows nothing concerning his personal history other than that he is a political factor in Kansas City. Investigation at leading hotels, Cincinnati, Ohio, does not indicate that Fugitive Galatas has been in Cincinnati recently registering under his true name or aliases.

REFERENCE:

Reports of Special Agents W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Mo., dated 12-15-33 and H. H. Reinecke, Chicago, Ill., dated 12-15-33.

DETAILS:

AT MILFORD, OHIO

DETAILS:

Chief of Police Pierson, when interviewed relative to Dr. Christopher of Milford, stated that Dr. C. L. Christopher was unknown to him, but that Dr. A. C. Christopher was Mayor of the town and was a practicing physician and had his office in the Keith Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. Chief Pierson stated that Dr. Christopher always enjoyed a splendid reputation in the community and was well thought of.

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AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

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Dr. A. C. Christopher was located in Suite 504-6 Keith Building, and was found to be a registered medical doctor specializing in plastic surgery. Dr. Christopher, when interviewed, advised that he might be classed as a cosmetic surgeon as he only specialized in facial operations, principally that of the nose. He stated that he is the only surgeon in the vicinity of Cincinnati, Ohio, who devotes all his time to this class of work and that he has been established in Cincinnati a little over a year. Dr. Christopher stated that prior to the time he came to Cincinnati from Milford, Ohio, a doctor named Charles E. Eha located in the Carew Tower, Cincinnati, who has specialized in treatments of the ear, eye and throat, has also called himself a plastic surgeon and has charged as much as \$2,500.00 for a lip, ear or nose operation. Dr. Christopher stated that when he started his practice in Cincinnati he operated for from \$50.00 to \$150.00 and consequently Dr. Eha did little if any business in plastic surgery as a result of the price offered by him.

He stated that Dr. Eha being a member of the Medical Association and quite an active politician used his influence and as a result he (Dr. Christopher) was called before the Ohio State Medical Board and charged with fraudulent advertising. Dr. Christopher stated that he did advertise in a small way and this, according to the medical profession, was deemed unethical. Dr. Christopher stated he did not consider the charges seriously; however, there was enough pressure brought to bear that the Board revoked his license. He stated that the Chairman of the Medical Board for the State is also Secretary of the Medical Association and he, of course, not being a member of this Association was given no consideration whatsoever. He stated that the reason he has never joined the Medical Association is because of the fact that he considers the same to be a racket, inasmuch as they charge exorbitant fees to certain manufacturing concerns for the purpose of endorsing their food stuffs. Dr. Christopher stated that when this took place he got busy and brought suit in the Common Pleas Court of Clermont County, Ohio, and in the decision handed down by the Court the Judge stated it was purely a case of "certain physicians without sufficient justification with the expressed purpose to get Dr. Christopher caused his license to be revoked"; that the Court set aside the findings of the State Medical Board and restored Dr. Christopher's right to resume the practice of medicine in the State of Ohio. Dr. Christopher stated that while the suit was pending in Common Pleas Court it occurred to him that if the Court upheld the Ohio State Medical Board he would locate elsewhere preferably in St. Louis or Kansas City, Mo. Being somewhat of a politician himself, Dr. Christopher stated that through his political acquaintances (whose names he did not care to divulge but intimated he was closely associated with Governor White of Ohio) he was furnished the name of Judge George Lindsey of Kansas City, Mo., who, he understands, is the ruling political factor in that city. Dr. Christopher stated that should he have gone to the city of Kansas City, Mo., it would have been out of the question to attempt to secure a physician's license especially in view of the fact his license had been revoked in the State of Ohio, unless he had some political influence. Dr. Christopher stated he wrote to Judge Lindsey in Kansas City, Mo. explaining the situation and during October, 1933, Judge Lindsey called him at Milford, Ohio, relative to the matter on which he wrote. Dr. Christopher stated he can not recall the address of Lindsey, however,

he believes it might have been at the Schuyler Hotel. Dr. Christopher explained that with politicians they seldom put anything in writing and apparently for this reason Judge Lindsey saw fit to use the telephone in acknowledging his letter and to assure him of his support should Dr. Christopher come to Kansas City. Dr. Christopher stated he has never met Judge Lindsey and knows nothing of his personal history and had corresponded with him only once and received only one telephone call from him. He stated that since he has been reinstated by the Ohio State Medical Board, he has given up the thought of leaving Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Dr. Christopher advised that since he has been in public office for so many years he is more anxious to cooperate with the United States Department of Justice. He stated that should he ever be approached by any individual who might suggest an operation for the purpose of disfiguring his finger tips or should he ever suspect any one of attempting to have his features changed with the express purpose of defeating justice, he will immediately notify the Cincinnati Division Office.

Dr. Christopher appeared to be sincere in his statements and did not hesitate to furnish the information desired of him.

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TITLE **VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased),
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. 1201.
ROBERT C. BRADY, with aliases, FUG., I. O. 1190.
HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases, FUG., I. O. 1189.**

CHARACTER OF CASE:
**Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.**

**WILBER UNDERHILL, with aliases, FUG., I. O. 1191,
ED DAVIS, with aliases, I. O. 1193.**

SYNOPSIS FACTS: **BERNARD PHILLIPS, with aliases, I. O. 1196.
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, I. O.
1194, et al.**

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Thomas M. Kearney, St. Louis, Mo., holds
Bill of Sale dated 6-1-33 for Cadillac Sedan,
motor #1,001,193, from Elizabeth Galatas,
wife of subject Galatas. Thomas W. Allen,
St. Louis, states this car stored in garage
at his home for period of six weeks to two
months. Robert B. Prout states he drove
Cadillac from St. Louis, Mo. to Little Rock,
Ark. about first week of August, 1933.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas
City, Mo., 12-8-33 and letter of Kansas City
Division Office to Division, dated 12-15-33.

DETAILS:

DETAILS: Upon receipt of a telephone call from Special Agent
W. F. Trainor of the Kansas City Division Office, as related in letter above
referred to, it was ascertained that Robert B. Prout, who resides at 3738 Manola
Ave., Pine Lawn, Mo., telephone Mulberry 7558, was formerly employed, up to
June 1, 1933, as Superintendent of the Truck Division of the General Material
Company, St. Louis, Mo., and lately a partner in the Blue Hills Club, St. Louis
County, Mo.

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Interview with the Constable at Pine Lawn, Mo. and H. F. Thompson, Vice-President and General Manager of the General Material Company, disclosed that Prout enjoys a good reputation, but says he is addicted to the use of intoxicating liquor and is a close friend of Tom Kearney, a well-known betting commissioner at St. Louis.

Records of the local Telephone Company disclosed that calls were made from Prout's home to Webster 3575, the Blue Hills Club, daily from November 23, 1933 to December 9, 1933 and two calls were made to Tommie Quinlan, Boy Scout Camp, Irondale, Missouri, the significance of which will appear herein below. These two calls were made on August 6, 1933.

Casual surveillance of Prout's home was maintained and a visit was made to the Blue Hills Club and nothing was seen to indicate that any person was staying at either of these places other than Prout and members of his family.

Robert B. Prout was taken into the office of Chief of Detectives John Carroll, Metropolitan Police Dept., St. Louis, Mo., by Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd and Detective Sergt. Kenneth McGuire where he was questioned by these parties, together with Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, Special Agent John E. Brennan and Detective Martin Cliffe.

After considerable questioning, the statement received from Prout was dictated at the office of the Chief of Detectives and transcribed at the Division Office the following morning and is quoted as follows:

St. Louis, Mo.

December 27, 1933.

about
R.B.P.

I, ROBERT B. PROUT, hereby make the following statement voluntarily and of my own free will; I first met a man by the name of Calatas of Hot Springs, Ark. in St. Louis, Mo. at the Jefferson Hotel at a party during the last World's Series played at St. Louis, Mo. I have not seen him since that time. During the months of June or July of 1933 Tom Kearney of St. Louis in his place of business at 416 W. 12th St. asked me to drive Calatas' car from St. Louis to Little Rock, Ark. and told me he would give me \$50.00. During this same conversation Kearney discussed with me the sale of the car for \$900.00. I told Kearney that I might sell the car for him or drive it to Little Rock, Ark. but that there would probably be a delay of a few days. During this conversation Kearney said that he had purchased the car from Mrs. Calatas and also said that the car was parked in the small, private garage at the home of Tom W. Allen on Ferguson Ave. between the Olive St. Road and the St. Charles Rock Road in St. Louis County, Mo.

About four or five days after talking to Kearney I went to Tom Allen's home in St. Louis County in order that I might start up the motor in order to check it up and Mrs. Allen told me that the keys were not at home. I believe that at this time when I called at the Allen home that William Riley was with me. Riley lives at 2616 North Union Ave., St. Louis, Mo. About the next day I again talked to Kearney about the automobile and at that time he told me the keys were at the Allen home and that he had left word with Tom Allen to turn the keys and automobile over to me. As I recall during this conversation Kearney turned over to me the Bill of Sale for the automobile which showed that same had been transferred from Mrs. Calatas to Kearney. At this same time Kearney gave me \$50.00 for pay and expenses of taking the automobile to Little Rock, Ark. My instructions from Kearney were to deliver this Cadillac to the Cadillac Agency in Little Rock, Ark. and to turn over the Bill of Sale.

About a week or ten days after Tom Kearney had first approached me about taking the automobile to Little Rock or selling it I went to the Tom Allen home in St. Louis County with William Riley in my Ford Tudor Sedan. Mrs. Allen gave the keys to the Cadillac to Riley while I was opening the doors to the garage. She told me it was alright for me to take the car. Riley and I had to pull the car out of the garage with my Ford because of a dead battery. We got it started and I drove it to my home at 3837 Manola Ave. in Pine Lawn, St. Louis County, Mo. We got the car about 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Riley followed me home in my Ford.

Some days after I had first discussed the Cadillac with Kearney I was talking to William McHenry, 3838 Avondale Ave., Pine Lawn, Mo. about the purchase of the Cadillac. I told him I could sell it to him for \$900.00. The afternoon I got the car from the Allen home McHenry and his wife came to my home and looked at the car. They did not buy it because it was too big. The following morning I also asked McHenry to ride down to Little Rock, Ark. with me. On the morning following the day I got the car from Allen's home

I drove it to the filling station located at Avondale Ave. and Natural Bridge Road in Pine Lawn where I had it filled with gas, oil and water and had the battery checked. There is a new man owning the filling station at the present time.

After leaving the filling station I drove the car to the Hegeman Cadillac Service Co., 4916 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo., where I talked to a mechanic who I understand was the brother or brother-in-law of Harry Hegeman. I asked him to show me where I could find the motor number of the Cadillac because I wanted to check it against the Bill of Sale which had been turned over to me by Tom Kearney. The reason I had the motor number checked was because of a possible sale which I had in mind.

After leaving Hegeman's I drove the car to 3913 Cote Brillante Ave., St. Louis, Mo., which is the place of business of George Belesot who resides at 3939 N. Market St., St. Louis, Mo. William McHenry had told me that Belesot was intending to buy an automobile so I took the car to him in order to make the sale. William McHenry was at this place at this time. It was somewhere between 9:00 and 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

From Belesot's place I drove the car from St. Louis, Mo. to Little Rock, Ark. only stopping for gas and oil and a bottle of Coca-Cola. Upon arriving in Little Rock, Ark. I went to Jendy's Restaurant opposite the Fire Station and City Hall. Jendy for about three years had worked for me at the General Material Co. in St. Louis, Mo. I told Jendy that I had a Cadillac which had belonged to Galatas which I was to deliver to the Cadillac Agency in Little Rock and I asked him directions to the Cadillac place. It was after 6:00 o'clock in the evening when I arrived in Little Rock, having left St. Louis some time between 10:00 and 11:00 o'clock in the morning. Jendy called the owner of the Cadillac Agency and the Cadillac man suggested that he send a man down to Jendy's. I had a meal while waiting and went to the barber shop next to Jendy's where I cleaned up. The people in the barber shop will probably remember because the nigger that shined my shoes was from St. Louis and he used to be a Pullman porter and I offered a drink to a white barber who would not take it because he was a preacher. Jendy again called the Cadillac Agency around 9:00 o'clock and in about twenty minutes one of the salesman and a mechanic came for the car. The mechanic said he knew the car the minute he saw it. He was referring to the fact that he knew it was Galatas' car. I had already prepared a receipt for the Cadillac man to sign, but instead of signing this receipt he took one of his business cards and wrote a receipt on the back of it and I gave him the Bill of Sale and the keys.

I left Little Rock, Ark., by train, at 10:10 P. M. and William McHenry, by previous arrangement, met me at the Union Station in St. Louis the following morning. The day I returned to St. Louis I gave Tom Kearney the receipt which the salesman had given me.

I have read the foregoing statement consisting of three pages
and it is true and correct.

R. B. PROUT

WITNESSES:

E. E. CONROY

R. P. McGUIRE

The original of the foregoing, signed statement is being retained in the files of the St. Louis Division Office.

In connection with the above Mr. Prout stated that on his way out of town, when driving the Cadillac to Little Rock, he stopped at the General Material Company offices in St. Louis, Mo. where he talked to Preston Matthews and his nephew, Bobbie Lurel, this stop being made to ascertain whether Bobbie Lurel desired to accompany Prout to Blytheville, Ark. where Lurel resides. Both Preston Matthews and Bobbie Lurel saw Prout in the automobile. Prout, at the instance of agents, called Preston Matthews on the telephone to determine the date on which the trip was taken. Preston Matthews advised that it was probably during the early part of August but that this matter could be checked in view of the fact that Bob Lurel took a vacation either shortly before or shortly after Prout went to Arkansas. Prout advised he will check this matter further and advise the St. Louis Division Office.

It may be noted that Bob Lurel at the present time is employed as an usher at the American Theatre at St. Louis, Mo.

Also, in connection with the above, Mr. Prout, at the instance of agents, made telephonic inquiry of his wife as to the date he had driven the car to Arkansas. His wife informed him that it was probably on August 7, 1933 in view of the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Prout went to New York City about one week later around August 12, 1933 or August 13, 1933. Mrs. Prout further advised her husband that she had sent a postcard from the railroad station at Little Rock, Ark. to Tommie Quinlan, who lives at their home, and who at that time was attending a Boy Scout Camp at Irondale, Mo. during the latter part of July and the early part of August, 1933. Mr. Prout, after receiving this information from his wife, recalled the incident and stated he would make a thorough search of his effects and of the effects of Tommie Quinlan in order that the exact date that he was in Little Rock, Ark. might be determined.

Mr. Prout further advised that he has only been in Hot Springs, Ark. on one/other occasion, this being about five years ago, at which time he resided at an apartment with his wife and one Mrs. Henry Weeks. He stated that the persons with whom he visited at Hot Springs at that time were Jim Cameron and George Ryan. Prout advises he did not know Galatas at that time.

In connection with the occasion when Mr. Prout made the acquaintance of Galatas during the last World Series at St. Louis, it may

be noted that this apparently was during the early Fall of 1931, and Mr. Prout states that at that time the party consisted of present Mayor McLaughlin of Hot Springs, Ark. and a girl who is now his wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Ryan, Galatas and his wife and a Chancery Judge of Little Rock.

Prout was thoroughly questioned regarding his purported statements to Jendy at Little Rock to the effect that he had been drunk a short time prior thereto with Galatas in St. Louis, Mo. Prout denied that he had made such statements and informed the agents that in the event such a matter had been discussed that he probably referred to a party he had had with him about two years before at the Jefferson Hotel in St. Louis.

Tom W. Allen, who now resides at 4396 Laclede Ave., St. Louis, Mo., stated to Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd and Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy that for a period of approximately three years he had resided at 4022 McPherson Ave., St. Louis, and had moved from there about September 15, 1933. He stated that this home was owned by Thomas Kearney and that he very seldom paid Kearney any rent for same. He advised that one night during the past summer he arrived at his home and found a Cadillac parked in the garage; that later Thomas Kearney had advised him the car was there. Allen contends that he supposed the car belonged to Kearney and that he did not know the owner thereof. He states he imagines that the automobile was there for a period of six weeks to two months and that during the first week in August it was taken away from there by Robert Prout. He states he recalls it was hot weather at this time and that it was quite some time before the Allens had moved from that home, namely September 15, 1933. He advised that Thomas Kearney had never informed him as to the ownership of the car and that he had never inspected it for any papers or other material which might indicate ownership; that when inquiry was made of Allen as to the keys of the car he stated that he believed that Kearney left the keys in the car and he further advised that he was of the impression that Kearney himself had driven the automobile to the garage.

While Prout was being questioned at Police Headquarters at St. Louis he stated he had given the receipt obtained by him from the Cadillac salesman at Little Rock, Ark. to Tom Kearney immediately upon his return to St. Louis.

Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd interviewed Kearney, in the presence of Detective Sergt. Kenneth McGuire and Special Agent John E. Brennan, concerning this Cadillac, at which time Kearney stated that he had a receipt for the Cadillac on the reverse side of a business card of the Cadillac Agency and the Bill of Sale which he had received from Mrs.

Galatas for this car, but that both of these papers were at the present time in a safe deposit box in the bank; that he would be unable to obtain access to these records until the morning of December 27, 1933. Kearney advised that he had first seen this automobile in 1931, at which time Galatas and his wife were in St. Louis to attend the World's Series Baseball Game, in company with a number of other persons from Hot Springs; that at that time he became interested in the car and began to dicker for the purchase of same; that again in the early part of June, Galatas and his wife called on him in St. Louis and offered to sell him this car and that he thereupon paid either \$700 or \$800 to Mrs. Galatas and received from her a Bill of Sale; further, that he kept this car in a private garage for about one month thereafter; that he could not furnish the location of the garage where same was kept in view of the fact that a negro and a light yellow man had taken the car to the garage. He further stated that later when he learned of the trouble in which Galatas was involved that he decided he did not care to have anything further to do with the car and that he, therefore, arranged with this colored man and the yellow man, whose identities he did not know, to return this car to the Cadillac Agency in Little Rock. Kearney was then advised that the negro to whom he referred was presently in custody at the Police Department in St. Louis and that it was necessary to obtain the receipt showing the date this car was returned and he promised to arrange to have this receipt available by 10:00 o'clock the morning of December 27, 1933.

Kearney stated he had no knowledge as to the present location of Galatas or his wife, but that they had advised him when they sold the car to him that they intended to spend a few weeks at the World's Fair in Chicago. He did state, however, that he believed he could, by making inquiry, reach Galatas and arrange to have him surrender himself in the event he could be assured that his bond would be set at \$2500.00, however, he stressed the fact that he did not at this time know his location and merely had the opinion he could contact him through underworld sources.

On the morning of December 27, 1933 Thomas W. Kearney was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, Special Agent John E. Brennan and Detective Sergt. Kenneth McGuire, St. Louis, at which time Kearney produced a receipt which is quoted as follows:

"June 1, 1933.

Received of Thos. M. Kearney the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00); Payment in full for Cadillac Sedan (5 - passenger) and all equipment, engine No. 1001193. This car is free of all encumbrances.

(Signed) ELIZABETH GALATAS"

The above receipt is on a plain piece of white paper. Mr. Kearney promised to retain same in his personal possession.

Mr. Kearney also produced a receipt on the reverse side of a business card of the Madison-Smith Cadillac Co., Little Rock, Ark., which is quoted as follows:

"Received one 12 cylinder Cadillac, Engine #1001193,
owned by Mr. Galatas of Hot Spgs.

Madison Smith Cadillac Co.
by J. F. Harbour"

Mr. Kearney promised to retain in his personal possession the above card, which it will be noted is not dated.

At this interview Mr. Kearney advised that the automobile in question had been stored at a home owned by him and which was then occupied by Thomas Allen. This place is located at 1464 Ferguson Road, St. Louis County, Mo. He stated that the car was at this place for probably a period of from twenty to thirty days.

He stated that Galatas and his wife came to St. Louis a couple of days after the trouble in Kansas City and stated they were going to the Fair in Chicago; that they wanted to get rid of the car and he purchased it from Mrs. Galatas; that while the Galatases were in Chicago he read about the Kansas City trouble and when Galatas returned to St. Louis about ten days later he told him that he did not want the car, at which time Galatas told him to send it back to the Cadillac Agency in Little Rock.

In connection with this report it will be noted that the receipt given Kearney by Mrs. Galatas is dated June 1, 1933. Apparently, however, the automobile was brought to St. Louis, Mo. from Little Rock, Ark. subsequent to the date of the Union Station Plaza Massacre, namely June 17, 1933. The car apparently was delivered to Little Rock, Ark. approximately the first week of August, 1933 rather than about November 1, 1933, as reflected by investigation which has been conducted at Little Rock.

During the above investigation the agents held in mind the possibility of the institution of process against Thomas Kearney and possibly others for the harboring of the fugitive Galatas. It will be noted that the Commissioner's complaint was issued against Galatas at Kansas City, Mo. on July 10, 1933 and that he was indicted on September 1, 1933 in connection with this case. No information or evidence has been secured

during the investigation which would reflect that Kearney or others had seen Galatas or had information in their possession as to his whereabouts subsequent to July 10, 1933; that in addition, no information or evidence is available, other than the statements of Kearney to the effect that Kearney had seen Galatas between the date of the massacre, June 17, 1933, and the date of the issuance of the first process, July 10, 1933.

For the information of everyone concerned, Thomas M. Kearney is a man 70 years old, who is reputed to be a millionaire. He assumes the title of Betting Commissioner and is reputed to accept probably the largest gambling debts of any man in the United States. He is an outstanding authority on sports, especially horse racing. He writes articles for newspapers and makes radio talks along these lines. He is unusually well-known in St. Louis, Mo. In all probability if he should exert an effort he could locate Galatas through his various sources of information, however, it is doubtful whether he will furnish any information of value. Experience to date has reflected that he generally gives only that information which he knows is already in the possession of Government agents; that it would be absolutely impracticable to attempt to cover his telephone calls or his mail in view of his extensive operations. Interviews will be made with him at intervals in the future although no tangible results are expected.

During the last interview with Thomas Kearney he made inquiry of Agent Conroy regarding the possibilities of a reduction in the bond of Galatas who would possibly surrender in the event he knew he was going to be released on bond. Kearney was informed that the bonds of the other defendants in this case had been reduced after they had been taken into custody; that there was a possibility that Galatas' bond might be reduced after he was taken into custody or surrendered himself, but that while he was in the status of a fugitive it would be impracticable to attempt to make any such arrangements.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

KANSAS CITY

FILE NO. 62-760-

REPORT MADE AT Kansas City, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE 12-27-1933	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-9-22-1933	REPORT MADE BY W. F. TRAINOR
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TITLE VERNON G. MILLER, with aliases (DECEASED) RICHARD TALISMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I O 1201; ROBERT G. BRADY, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I O 1190; HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I O 1189; WILBER UNDERHILL, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I O 1191; ET AL	CHARACTER OF CASE CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER
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Confidential Informant advised Fred Barker, Lloyd Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Volley Davis were actual layers in instant case, and that they intentionally killed Nash. Alleges these parties met Nash a few days before June 19, 1933, and sought to force him to murder his wife for the protection of the gang, and that immediately upon his apprehension, they killed him, apparently in fear of his disclosing information concerning them. Evidence already developed indicates Karpis as "A. Carter" was close associate of Barkers and of Nash, and that these latter individuals met in St. Paul, Minnesota, about June 12, 1933. Further inquiries being made to corroborate allegations of Confidential Informant. Fred Barker and Karpis wanted for murder of Sheriff West Plains, Missouri, which occurred December, 1931.

REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agents O. G. Hall, St. Paul, dated December 7, 1933, and August 27, 1933; W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated August 11, 1933 and July 16, 1933; R. C. Suran, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 9-22-33; Wm. R. Ramsey, Jr., San Francisco, dated September 19, 1933; and in the case of Frank Nash, with aliases, Fugitive, Escaped Federal Prisoner, reports of Special Agents John D. Glass, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 11-1-32; S. P. Cowley, Chicago, Ill., dated 10-12-32; Raymond J. Caffrey, Kansas City, dated 7-29-32, and F. S. Dunn, Dallas, Texas, dated 6-12-1933.

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DETAILS:

At various times throughout this investigation, it has occurred to this office that Fred Barker (Kansas State Penitentiary, #9836, who has been at liberty for several years), Lloyd Barker, alias "Doc" Barker (former inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, and brother of Fred Barker), and Alvin Karpis (Tulsa, Oklahoma, P.D. #8008), intimate friend and running mate of the Barker brothers, very probably have connection with this case. They were known during 1932 at the time of the arrests of Thomas Holden and Francis Keating, Escaped Federal Prisoners, and Harvey J. Bailey, Subject of this case, at Kansas City, Missouri, to be important members of the mob, which then included Frank Nash, Vernon Miller, Bailey, Keating, Holden and others. However, no definite information could be secured originally to in any way connect the Barkers or Karpis with the instant massacre.

On November 26, 1933, Deputy Warden Graham of the Kansas State Prison, Lansing, Kansas, together with Mr. L. A. Laws, Guard at that institution, personally appeared at the Kansas City office to impart information by word of mouth, which they considered of utmost importance to this Division. Mr. Laws informed Agent Trainor that Informant E, a well known and notorious bank robber, who is now serving a life sentence in the Kansas State Prison, and who has been a life-long friend of the deceased Frank Nash, approached him on November 25th, in connection with this matter. Mr. Laws stated that Informant E is one of the most close mouthed prisoners in the institution and is a man past sixty years of age. However, on this occasion, Informant E was in a "white heat" and informed Mr. Laws that he had secured information from Prisoner James Lawson, Kansas State Penitentiary, No. 3908, to the effect that Fred Barker, Lloyd (Doc) Barker, one Volley (or Volna) Davis, and a fourth man, name not at that time known to Informant E, killed the officers and Nash in the Kansas City massacre of June 17, 1933.

It was well known to this office that James Lawson, San Francisco, California, P. D. #50,069, who is identical with the party mentioned above, was a close friend of the Barkers and Karpis. Reference to James Lawson will be seen in the report by Special Agent Wm. J. Ramsey, dated at San Francisco, California, September 19, 1933. Lawson was apprehended at San Francisco on September 14, 1933, and at that time he was questioned in connection with the instant case, but claimed that he had been in San Francisco for approximately one year immediately preceding his arrest. It is ascertained from the prison identification records at Lansing, Kansas, that James Lawson, K.S.P. No. 3908, is the same as San Francisco P.D. #50,069.

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Informant E informed Mr. Laws that Lawson told him that he, Lawson, was with the Barkers, Volley Davis and the fourth man in Hot Springs, Arkansas, a few days before June 16, 1935, and at that time, Nash and his wife, Frances Nash, were also in Hot Springs; that the Barkers, Volley Davis and the other man, in Lawson's presence, confronted Frank Nash in a house at Hot Springs, while Mrs. Nash was in the other room, and asked Nash if he were intending to kill his wife, or whether or not they would have to do it for him, as they wanted her out of the way, since she knew too much about the identities of the gang. Lawson informed Informant E, that Nash stated that he would not permit them to harm her, and that he intended no such action himself; that they were personally to blame for her knowledge of their misdeeds, and that since she was alone, he intended to protect her.

Lawson further informed Informant E, then, that immediately upon learning of the apprehension of Nash, the Barkers, Volley Davis and the fourth man proceeded with great haste to Kansas City, Missouri, and that they were the actual trigger men who performed the murders at Kansas City on the morning of June 17th, having intentionally killed Nash.

Mr. Laws stated that he has had a very close confidential contact with Informant E. Informant E made only one request when talking with Mr. Laws, and that was that he be permitted to go out of the penitentiary and kill the men who had murdered his friend Frank Nash. It was believed at the time this information was secured inadvisable to approach Informant E directly, and such action was discouraged by the officials of the penitentiary, who furnished this information. Mr. Laws promised to pursue the matter with all vigilance and to report any additional information received from Informant E.

Recently, Laws again appeared at the Kansas City office and advised that Informant E has now informed him that Lawson furnishes him information that the fourth man in the slayings is Harry Campbell, alias Dave Campbell.

This office is familiar with Harry Campbell, who was wanted, together with James Lawson, at Coffeyville, Kansas, for highway robbery. Campbell is the subject of an Identification Order issued by the Joplin, Missouri, Police Department, dated November 4, 1932, where his photograph is shown with those of Glen Roy Wright, with aliases, and James Lawson, with aliases.

At this time a letter has been directed to the Joplin, Missouri, Police Department, requesting the police number of Harry Campbell, in order that his full criminal record may be secured, since the police number was not shown on the circular which was received at this office from the police files at Coffeyville, Kansas.

Also, a letter has been directed to the Oklahoma City office requesting, that investigation be made at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary to secure criminal records and photographs of Volley (or Volna) Davis and Lloyd Barker.

It was stated by Informant E to Mr. Laws of the Kansas State Prison, that Davis served in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary with Lloyd Barker and Frank Nash several years ago.

After further consideration of the possibilities of securing verification of the above information through Mrs. Frances Nash, who is now in Kansas City, it was decided by Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy and others in the Kansas City office that it would be inadvisable to approach her, in view of her apparent insincerity and lack of truthfulness as demonstrated when previously interviewed.

It was stated by Informant E to Mr. Laws that the Barkers, Volley (or Volna) Davis and Harry Campbell make their hiding place at the home of Wick Karnes, brother-in-law of T. C. Hill, well known gangster at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. Karnes is said to operate a hide-out there at his residence, which is a large white house on the left hand side of the road, proceeding from Coffeyville, Kansas, to South Coffeyville, Oklahoma.

To date, it has not been deemed advisable to make a raid at the home of Wick Karnes, as it is intended to furnish no indication that this Division suspects the Barkers and others until more concrete evidence is secured.

Special Agent A. E. Farland interviewed Informant E at the Kansas State Penitentiary on December 21st, again on December 22nd, and is at this writing conducting further interview with him.

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Agent Farland has not as yet reported in detail all of the substance of the statement of Informant E; however, that Informant has furnished Agent Farland information, which is mainly identical with that formerly given to Mr. Laws and reported herein. However, this Informant also stated to Agent Farland that "Chi" Karpis, or Corpus, who is evidently identical with Alvin Karpis was one of the individuals allegedly with Lloyd Barker, Fred Barker, Volna Davis and Harry Campbell in the instant massacre. This information is, of course, based on statements made to Informant E by James Lawson.

It is believed that the Informant may be prevailed upon after careful and discreet interviews to furnish additional details, which may be useful in investigation of this angle of the case.

Any further details which are worthy of additional investigation will be promptly reported by Agent Farland, at the close of his interviews with Informant E.

The details mentioned regarding the implication of Volna Davis, Fred Barker, Lloyd Barker, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell are not inconsistent with the main theory of the instant investigation to date.

It is quite well established through circumstantial indications, that Vernon C. Miller was the organizer at Kansas City, Missouri, of the actual trigger men who performed the massacre. The evidence against Galatas, Stacci and others is not in any way effected by the probability of these new suspects having participated in the actual shooting.

Miller was a close friend of the Barkers, and it has been shown prior to this time, that the Barkers, with their mother and Alvin Karpis, had resided in Chicago, Illinois, and that Miller and his paramour, Vivian Mathis, were frequent visitors at the apartment of these individuals.

6.
Nash was with the Barkers and Karpis in a house at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, a very few days before he was apprehended at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The presence of Nash there can be established by latent fingerprints identified with his known prints, and also by a statement, which was secured from Mrs. Frances Nash, hitherto reported. Mrs. Nash identified the individuals who lived at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, on the occasion of her visit there during June, 1933, as Fred Barker, Lloyd Barker and Alvin Karpis.

As shown from the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, December 7, 1933, and from a report by the same Agent at St. Paul, dated July 27, 1933, other individuals in the city of St. Paul will testify as to the identity of the Barkers and Karpis when they lived at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, during June, 1933.

It is shown by the reports of Agent Hall that a woman named "Paula" resided with these gangsters at the St. Paul address.

It is probable that Paula is none other than the former wife of Charles Harmon, a known bank-robber, who was killed in the robbery of the Kraft State Bank at Menomonie, Wisconsin, in 1931, at which time he was associated with Keating, Holden, Bailey and others.

Further information regarding Mrs. Paula Harmon will be noted hereafter in this report.

The San Francisco office has been requested by letter from the Kansas City office to thoroughly check the whereabouts of James Lawson during the month of June, 1933, as he has previously stated to an Agent of that office that he was in San Francisco during that month. James Lawson is thought to be a close friend of Harry Campbell and, therefore, might have some personal connection with the instant massacre. A photograph of Lawson has been secured by the Kansas City office from the Kansas State Prison for purpose of display to witnesses.

of the massacre. Also a photograph of Campbell has been secured.

In the report by Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated at Kansas City, Missouri, August 11, 1933, page 11, certain information is set out as secured by Special Agents Dwight Brantley and L. G. Turrou, then on special assignment in the Kansas City territory, pertaining to one A. Carter, the owner of Essex Terraplane Sedan, Motor No. 25571. It will be noted from that report that a 1932 Model Chevrolet Coupe, Motor No. 30885590, bearing Illinois 1932 License Tags No. 1022891, was traded in to the Barnes Collard Motor Company at Leavenworth, Kansas, on 10-29-1932, by a party named A. Carter. In return for the Chevrolet Coupe, the party known as A. Carter received from the Barnes Collard Motor Company 1932 Model Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. 330213.

By reference to Page 63 of the report by Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, July 15, 1933, it will be noted that Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. 330213 was traded on April 15, 1933, to the Hudson-Brace Motor Company, Kansas City, Missouri, by a party giving his name as A. Carter, in return for which he received Essex Terraplane Sedan, Motor No. 25571.

It is noted that when "A. Carter" traded 1932 Chevrolet Coupe, Motor No. 30885590, Illinois License 1932 No. 1022891 to the Barnes Collard Motor Company, as heretofore mentioned, he gave a Bill of Sale showing that the car was sold to him by Stewart's Garage at South Bend, Indiana, on April 15, 1932, and on the Bill of Sale in question, his name was shown as "A. Carter," address - Hotel Florence, Pullman, Illinois. Further investigation of the purchase of that car at Pullman, Ill., has not been followed to identify "A. Carter" definitely. However, it is shown from the report of Special Agent John D. Glass, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, 11-1-1932, in the matter of Frank Nash, with aliases, Fugitive, Escaped Federal Prisoner, that this car was sold to Earl A. Rodgers by the Kemper Chevrolet Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, on March 31, 1932. It is shown in the report of Agent Glass that Earl A. Rodgers gave his address as 356 Charles Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, and that the party paid cash for the car, and it is indicated that Rodgers was an alias, and that the party who purchased the car might have figured in a murder, which was committed at St. Paul in the underworld about that time.

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The report by Special Agent S. P. Cowley, dated Chicago, Illinois, 10-12-32, in the matter of Frank Nash, with aliases, Escaped Federal Prisoner, indicates that a party named Thomas Quinn operated what was known as the Stewart Garage Motor Sales in South Bend, Indiana, from March 24, 1932, until April 12, 1932, when he absconded with ten used cars, which he had not paid for. It is indicated that very probably Quinn was a member of the underworld gang of Frank Nash and others; therefore, it would not seem advisable to seek to trace him as a means to establish the identity of the man who made the Bill of Sale from his garage, which was given to the Barnes Collard Motor Company, bearing the name A. Carter.

It is noted, however, that a chain of title is traced for Chevrolet Coupe, Motor No. 30885590, mentioned heretofore, in the name of A. Carter to Essex Terraplane Sedan, Motor No. 25571, purchased at Kansas City, April 15, 1933. It has been the theory heretofore that A. Carter was probably identical with Vernon C. Miller and same is indicated by the information secured by Agents Brantley and Turrou, set out on Page 11 of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 8-11-33. However, it is very probable that A. Carter is not identical with Vernon C. Miller, but is, as a matter of fact, identical with Alvin Karpis. Missouri 1933 License tags No. 157-309 were issued for Essex Terraplane, Motor No. 25571, which had been sold to A. Carter, as heretofore mentioned.

By reference to the report of Special Agent O. C. Hall, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, December 7, 1933, pages 5, 6 and 7, it is pointed out that although parties at Leavenworth, Kansas, identified "A. Carter" as Miller, there is reason to believe that Carter is Alvin Karpis. As pointed out in Agent Hall's report, Missouri 1933 License tags No. 157-309 on an Essex Terraplane Sedan were observed at the residence at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, when Karpis and the Barkers were there. It will be noted also in Agent Hall's report that the Essex Terraplane Sedan was later found at the Roberts Motor Company in St. Paul, after it had been observed at 204 Vernon Avenue, during June, 1933. The Roberts Motor Car Company is believed to have a hoodlum connection.

It will be noted from Agent Hall's report that the photograph of Alvin Karpis has been positively identified by Al Naphe, at Balsam Lake, Wisconsin, as the party who about June 21, 1933, drove into the Naphe filling station in a Chevrolet Sedan, upon which Mr. Naphe observed Missouri 1933 license tags 157-309.

Apparently Mr. Naphe's statement is very reliable, since he wrote down the number of the license tag, due to suspicion aroused by the actions of the driver.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. J. Caffrey, deceased, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, July 29, 1932, particularly to page 11. It will be noted there that Mrs. Parker, Manager of the Henry Wadsworth Longfellow Apartments at 4800 Jefferson, Kansas City, Missouri, identified the photographs of the Barkers and Alvin Karpis as men who had resided at her apartment about June, 1932. It is significant to note that Mrs. Parker had copied down the license number of a Chevrolet Coupe, 1932, Illinois License Tags 1022891 used by the party of men, the Barkers and Karpis, while at that apartment. It will be noted that Illinois 1932 License Tags 1022891 are the tags which were on Chevrolet Coupe, Motor No. 30885590 issued to A. Carter, Pullman, Illinois, and traded to the Barnes Collard Motor Company, as mentioned heretofore.

It is believed, therefore, it is quite well established by circumstances that A. Carter, instead of being Vernon C. Miller, is none other than Alvin Karpis. - Alvin Karpis would probably use the alias A. Carter, since it is similar to his name A. Karpis.

Proof of the fact that Alvin Karpis was the owner of 1933 Missouri License Tags 157-309 and of Essex Terraplane Sedan, Motor No. 25571 would be interesting in connection with the information shown in the report of Agent Hall on Page 5, where mention is made of his having been driving a black Chevrolet Sedan bearing those license tags and acting in a suspicious manner, driving hurriedly on June 21, 1933, in the vicinity of Balsam Lake, Wisconsin. It will be borne in mind that there was a car believed to be a Chevrolet Sedan used in the actual massacre of the Agent and other officers on June 17, 1933, at Kansas City, Missouri.

Also it is thought probable that the meeting of Nash with the Barkers and others mentioned by James Lawson to Informant E could have taken place about June 12, 1933, at St. Paul, Minnesota, since it is well established that Nash and his wife did meet those individuals in St. Paul about that time. This would serve to corroborate the statement of James Lawson to Informant E regarding the participation of those individuals in the massacre.

From the report of Special Agent Trainor dated at Kansas City, Mo., 8-11-1933, Page 12, it is shown that a key ring bearing the trade mark of the Cloud County Bank, Concordia, Kansas, was left at the Barnes

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Hollard Motor Company, Leavenworth, Kansas, by "A. Carter." Investigation will be made at Concordia, Kansas, through the bank in question to determine any information of value concerning the holder of that key ring, as Karpis may be known there, or he may have come into possession of the key ring in a bank robbery.

The report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 9-22-1933, shows investigation made at Topeka, Kansas, for the purpose of locating Alvin Karpis, through an informant named Johnnie Dean, who at that time promised cooperation. Johnnie Dean has been interviewed on a number of recent occasions by Agent Suran, who reports that he is now furnishing no valuable information, and has not made any progress in his promise to assist. In the report by Agent Suran an undeveloped lead was set out for the Oklahoma City office to conduct investigation at Keifer, Oklahoma, through relatives of the supposed wife of Karpis, in order to locate that party. However, that undeveloped lead has not as yet been covered.

It is noted that Karpis and Fred Barker are both wanted at West Plains, Missouri, for the murder of Sheriff Kelly, which occurred during December, 1931. In this connection, the Kansas City office is securing from the Prosecuting Attorney at West Plains, Missouri, all available ballistic evidence picked up at the scene of the murder of Sheriff Kelly, in order that same may be utilized in comparison with the evidence bullets in this case. The results will be later reported.

In order to establish in so far as possible the exact identity of the party who purchased Essex Terraplane Sedan, Motor Number 25571, heretofore mentioned in this report, investigation was made by Special Agents W. F. Trainor and H. D. Bray at Kansas City, Missouri. As noted from the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated July 15, 1933, the party who purchased the Essex Sedan from the Hudson-Brace Motor Company at Kansas City, Missouri, had apparently resided at the Netherlands Hotel, 3835 Main Street, here. The individual gave his name as A. Carter when he purchased the car.

Mr. Andrew Klein, Manager, Netherlands Hotel, exhibited his records, which showed that "H. E. Buchan and A. C. Carter" registered there on 5-14-33 and left on 4-11-33; they registered again on 4-16-1933 and left on 5-3-33 without paying their bill. On the last occasion they left their baggage in the room; they returned on June 28, 1933, paid the room rent and recovered their baggage which the hotel was

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holding. The records of the Auditor at the Netherlands Hotel show no charges for local or long-distance telephone calls of these parties while at the hotel. Mr. Klein and his employees could not identify the photographs of Miller, Karpis, Fred Barker and others, when same were shown to them; they recalled that these men had a Ford Coupe when they stopped there the first time, but do not recall seeing the car thereafter; they gave the following description of the parties known as H. E. Buchan and A. C. Carter:

BUCHAN:

Age 37 to 38 years
Height 5 ft. 7 in. to 6 in.
Hair - brown, straight, thin - small
cow-lick on front of forehead.
Build - small
Weight - about 120 pounds.

CARTER:

Age 28 to 29 years
Height 5 ft. 10 in. to 11 in.
Weight 175 to 180 pounds
Hair - dark brown, straight
Full face - red

Agents checked all garages in the vicinity of the Netherlands Hotel, but could not identify these parties known as Buchan and Carter as having stored any cars in that vicinity.

A tracing of the handwriting of Buchan and Carter was made at the Netherlands Hotel. It was the opinion of Mr. Klein, who registered these parties, that the registrations were written by A. C. Carter. The signature as taken from the registration records of the Netherlands Hotel was compared with the signature on the Service sheets of the Hudson-Brace Motor Company, where the Essex Terraplane Sedan was purchased. A. Carter signed those service sheets as a customer of that company on various occasions, when he had the Essex car serviced. The signatures appear to be identical. These also appear identical with the known specimen of handwriting of Karpis.

Interview was had with Messrs. John R. Cunningham and A. S. Brody at the Hudson-Brace Motor Company. Mr. Cunningham is sales manager and recalls having talked to a man who represented himself as A. Carter at the time

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he bought the Essex Sedan. When shown photographs of all likely suspects in this case, he stated that none of them appeared very familiar to him. He described the man in general very similar to the description of Vernon G. Miller, and hesitatingly stated that he believed the photograph of Miller resembled the man known as Carter. When shown the photograph of Karpis, he stated that same could be the likeness of A. Carter, but he was more inclined to choose the photograph of Miller. His identification is not believed to be conclusive in one way or another. Mr. Brody furnished practically the same type of information as did Mr. Cunningham. However, he hesitated somewhat when shown the photograph of Karpis and was more inclined to identify that photograph than was Mr. Cunningham.

Harry Young, formerly a salesman for the Hudson-Brace Motor Company, was interviewed at the Lampe Service Company, 29th and Mc Gee Traffic Way. He is the man shown by the records of the Hudson-Brace Motor Company, who sold the Essex Terraplane Sedan to "A. Carter." The attitude of Harry Young was very plainly uncooperative, and he displayed every indication of evasion. He admitted that he sold the car in question and advised that he received a telephone call to come to the Netherlands Hotel and show an Essex Terraplane about April 15, 1933. He stated that when he arrived at the Hotel, he met a man who told him his name was Carter, and that a second man was talking with him in the lobby of the hotel at the time. He advised that the second man left, and that he and Carter waited until a third man drove to the Hotel in a Chevrolet Sedan bearing Kansas license tags, and that Carter and the man in the Chevrolet then proceeded to the Hudson-Brace Motor Company, where they immediately made the purchase of the Essex Sedan and traded in the Chevrolet Sedan with the Kansas license tags. This has already been reported in so far as the company records are concerned in the report by this Agent dated July 15, 1933. Young failed to identify a photograph of any of the suspects in this case as the party identical with Carter. He was shown the photographs of Miller, Karpis, the Barkers and numerous others. He was evasive as to the physical descriptions of Carter and the man who was driving the Chevrolet Sedan, which was traded, as heretofore mentioned.

Carl Lind, a service man at the Hudson-Brace Motor Company, stated that he serviced the Essex Terraplane for A. Carter on a number of occasions. He described Carter as a man about 35 years of age, 5 ft. 7 in., tall, weight 135 pounds, dark brown or black hair, brown piercing eyes, swarthy complexion, small build. He stated that the man known to him as Carter had appeared at the garage on one occasion with two other men with him; one of the men appearing quite youthful, with light complexion, and being of large, husky, build. It appears probable that the man described by

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Lind as Carter could have been Fred Barker, and that he was confused in the identity of the men by the names they were using, since that description quite well applies to Fred Barker, and the description of the youthful appearing man of husky build would apply to Alvin Karpis.

Eddie Mantel, another service man at the Hudson-Brace Motor Company, was interviewed and furnished information identical with that given by Carl Lind. These individuals' identifications of the photographs are not considered reliable, but it is believed that all of the men interviewed at the Hudson-Brace Motor Company, who are now employed there, are reliable and willing to furnish truthful identifications should they be able to confront the individuals personally.

With further reference to the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, December 7, 1933, and to the information therein contained pertaining to Paula, who is evidently a paramour of either one of the Barker brothers or Alvin Karpis, attention is called to the report of Special Agent F. S. Dunn, dated at Dallas, Texas, June 12, 1933, in the case of Frank Nash, Fugitive, with aliases, Escaped Federal Prisoner. Paula Harmon, mentioned in that report, has relatives at Beaumont, Texas, who are people of good standing in the community. It is believed that further investigation might be made through the parties at Beaumont, in order to locate Paula Harmon. Possibly the photograph of one of the Barkers or Alvin Karpis might be identified by individuals at Beaumont, Texas, as a likeness of the paramour of Paula Harmon, who lived with her, at 944 Centre Street, Beaumont, Texas, known there as Clifton Harmon. It is noted from Agent Dunn's report that Paula Harmon left Beaumont, Texas, with her paramour about June 1, 1933, allegedly for Chicago, Illinois, and it is very probable that she is the woman who resided at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, during the early part of June, 1933, with the Barkers and Karpis. A photograph of Alvin Karpis and a photograph of Fred Barker are herewith enclosed to the Dallas office for that purpose. As soon as a photograph of Lloyd Barker is secured from the Oklahoma City office, several copies will be made at Kansas City, and a copy furnished to the Dallas office. This office has written to the Oklahoma City office requesting that such photographs be secured at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma.

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There is in the possession of the Kansas City office only one photograph of Harry Campbell, and same appears on a circular, which is not subject to reproduction. Also only one photograph of James Lawson is available at this office at present. Additional copies of photographs of Harry Campbell and James Lawson are being secured, and one of each will be forwarded at an early date to the Dallas office, at which time the photographs of Volley Davis and Lloyd Barker will also be transmitted.

For future reference, descriptions of Harry Campbell, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and James Lawson, which are now available thru penitentiary records, are given as follows:

HARRY CAMPBELL

(From Joplin, Missouri, Police Department Circular)

Age	33 years
Height	5 ft. 5 in.
Weight	140 pounds
Eyes	blue
Hair	brown
Complexion	medium
Marks and Scars:	Scar corner left eye; lame in right leg from rheumatism or gun-shot wound (may have been only temporary in 1932 when Joplin, Mo., Police Circular was issued)

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FRED BARKER

Age	32 years
Height	5 ft. 4 in.
Build	slender
Complexion	fair
Eyes	blue
Teeth	lower front gold; 2 upper front gold.
Hair	sandy

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Race	white
Nationality	American
Criminal record	unknown

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ALVIN KARPIS (Taken
from Tulsa, Oklahoma
Police Department, #8008).

Age 24 years
Height 5 ft. 9 1/2 in.
Weight 130 pounds
Build slender
Eyes blue
Hair brown
Complexion medium
Marks and Scars: 1" cut scar lower knuckle index finger.
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Race white
Nationality American
Police No. Tulsa, Oklahoma, PD #8008.
Criminal record unknown
Residence Chicago.

JAMES LAWSON (Taken
from San Francisco, California,
Police Identification Records).

Age 31 years
Height 6 ft. 2 in.
Weight 137 pounds
Complexion fair
Hair light blonde
Eyes hazel brown
Teeth fair
Nativity Missouri
Build slender
Race white
Nationality American
Face pox-marked and pimply
Mustache small light brown mustache
Marital status married
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Kansas State Penitentiary No. 3908.

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Descriptions of Volley Davis and Lloyd Barker are not as yet available.

Detailed descriptions of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis are not available, but are given as above, and will be submitted as soon as possible.

Complete criminal records of Harry Campbell, Fred Barker, Lloyd Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volley Davis and James Lawson are to be requested from the Division.

The above facts are based upon recent investigation and, in addition, review of the instant file and the file of Frank Nash, Escaped Federal Prisoner.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE:

At Mc Alester, Oklahoma, is respectfully requested to secure at the earliest possible date photographs and full descriptions and all known criminal records of Volley, or Volna, Davis and Lloyd(Doc)Barker, and forward same to the Kansas City office.

It is also requested that investigation be made at Kiefer, Oklahoma, where it is believed Alvin Karpis may be known. In this connection, reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated at Kansas City, Missouri, September 22, 1933.

THE DALLAS OFFICE:

At Beaumont, Texas, is requested to endeavor to locate Mrs. Paula Harmon through her relatives there and to secure, if possible, for transmittal to the Kansas City office a photograph of Paula Harmon. As soon as a complete series of these photographs is secured the Dallas office is requested to display photographs of Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Lloyd Barker, James Lawson, Volley(Volna)Davis and Harry Campbell at Beaumont, Texas, for the purpose of determining whether or not one of these individuals was the paramour of Paula Harmon at that place up to June 1, 1933. In this connection, please refer to the report of Special Agent F. S. Dunn dated at Dallas, Texas, 6-12-1933, mentioned in the reference herein.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE:

Is requested to make a complete check of the activities and whereabouts of James Lawson for the months preceding June 17, 1933, especially for the four-week period immediately prior to that date. In this connection, please refer to the report of Special Agent Wm. R. Ramsey, Jr., dated at San Francisco, California, September 19, 1933.

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE:

At Lansing, Kansas, will pursue data through Confidential Informant X pertaining to the connection of the Barkers, Karpis and others, and will follow such information with appropriate investigation.

At Concordia, Kansas, through the Cloud County Bank, will secure any available information concerning the party named A. Carter, who had in his possession a key ring bearing the name of that bank during 1932 when he purchased the Chevrolet Sedan at Leavenworth, Kansas, as mentioned in this report.

At Topeka, Kansas, through police contacts with Johnnie Dean, mentioned in the reference report of Agent Suran, will ascertain, if possible, contacts of Alvin Karpis, who reside in Kansas City, Missouri, and through any available underworld sources will pursue this information at Kansas City, Missouri, to develop evidence of guilt on the part of Karpis and others in the instant massacre.

At Joplin, Missouri, will secure personal history and criminal record of Harry Campbell, together with the more complete available description and one original photograph of that party.

At West Plains, Missouri, will secure all available ballistic evidence from the murder case, wherein Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker are implicated in the slaying of Sheriff Kelly, which occurred in December, 1931. Will cause these exhibits that may be secured to be analyzed by Merle A. Gill, Ballistician at Kansas City, Missouri, who has in his possession the evidence bullets in the instant massacre.

At Kansas City, Missouri, will have made twelve copies of photographs of Harry Campbell, Volley Davis, Lloyd Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and James Lawson, who are mentioned in this report.

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The Kansas City office will furnish to the Dallas office, when available, one photograph each of Harry Campbell, James Lawson, Lloyd Barker and Volley Davis for investigation at Beaumont, Texas.

The Kansas City office at Kansas City, Missouri, will display photographs of James Lawson, Fred Barker, Lloyd Barker, Volley Davis, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis to various parties who witnessed the instant massacre in an effort to cause any of same to be identified at likenesses of the actual slayers. Action on this lead will await receipt from the Oklahoma City office and from Joplin, Missouri, photographs of Lloyd Barker, Volley Davis and Harry Campbell.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City, Mo.**

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REPORT MADE AT: Salt Lake City, Utah	DATE WHEN MADE: 12-27-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12-21-33	REPORT MADE BY: A. B. Gere
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased) I.O. #1195; et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

SYNOPSIS: Subjects **VERNE MILLER** and **CHAS. A. ("PRETTY BOY") FLOYD** have not been visitors at the ranch formerly occupied by **Louie Alterie**, north of **Glenwood Springs, Colo.**

R.U.C.

REFERENCE: Letters from the St. Paul Office, Sept. 7, 1933; Chicago Office, Oct. 7, 1933, and New York Office, Oct. 9, 1933.

DETAILS: **AT GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLO.**

Sheriff George L. Winters stated that the ranch formerly occupied by **Louie Alterie** is located about 25 miles north of **Glenwood Springs** (52 miles by road); that a party resembling **Richard Tallman Calatas'** photograph was at **Glenwood Springs, Colo.**, about two years ago at the time **Louie Alterie** resided on the ranch north of **Glenwood Springs**; that **Paul Gregg**, cartoonist for the **Denver Post**, owns the ranch in question; that **Louie Alterie** has not been back to **Glenwood Springs** since **Jan. 31, 1932**, at which time his sentence in the penitentiary at **Canon City, Colo.**, was suspended upon his leaving **Colorado** and remaining out of the State for five years; that **Johnnie Green** and his son, **Winslow Green**, aged 20, are the only occupants of the ranch in question. Sheriff Winters stated he was on the ranch the last time on **November 26, 1933**, and that should any strangers appear at the ranch he would be immediately notified by **Johnnie Green**. Sheriff Winters stated that no one answering the description of **Ed Davis**, I.O. #1193; **Bernard Phillips**, I.O. #1196; **Wilber Underhill**, I.O. #1191; **Chas. A. Floyd**, I.O. #1194; had been seen at **Glenwood Springs**, and that he is positive that none of them has been at the ranch formerly occupied by **Louie Alterie**.

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Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

For the purpose of the Division records there is enclosed a photograph of Wilber Underhill, Wichita, Kansas Police Department Number 4618, taken August 14, 1931.

This photograph has been enlarged and appears to be a very good likeness of this individual, who is the subject of Identification Order number 1191.

There is also enclosed a photograph of Charles Arthur Floyd, Subject of Identification Order number 1194, taken in street clothes about the year 1929, together with a photograph of one Beula Beard, a former sweetheart of Floyd. This photograph is one of the best in existence to show his appearance when so attired.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Sir:

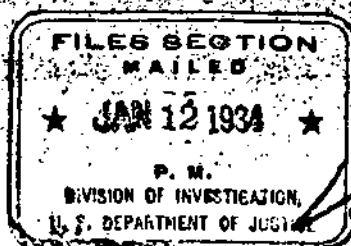
In compliance with the request contained in your letter of December 29, 1933, I am enclosing photographic copies of fingerprint cards in the cases of James A. Lawson, Kansas State Penitentiary #3908, Alvin Karpis, Kansas State Penitentiary #1539, Jess Doyle, Kansas State Penitentiary #9845 and Joseph Howard, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas #27845 (identical with the individual whose name was listed in your letter mentioned as Virgil Love, Kansas State Penitentiary #6324). There are also attached copies of the fingerprint cards of Harry Campbell, Sheriff's Office, Tulsa, Oklahoma #9420, Volney Davis, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #12608 and Loyd Barker, Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma #1916, possibly identical with the persons mentioned in your letter.

In accordance with the suggestion made by Mr. Newby of the Division, there are also transmitted photographic copies of the fingerprint card of Fred Barker, Kansas State Penitentiary #9836.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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SUITE 1 FEDERAL BLDG.
KANSAS CITY

December 29, 1933.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

It is requested that the Kansas City office be furnished with photographic copies of the fingerprints of the following individuals:

JAMES A. LAWSON, Kansas State Penitentiary #3908,
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HARRY CAMPBELL, alias Dave Campbell, Tulsa, Oklahoma,
P.D. (number unknown); F. P. C: $15 \frac{30}{24} \frac{FO}{VI} \frac{(0)}{(0)}$

ALVIN KARPIS, Kansas State Penitentiary #1539;
F. P. C: $\frac{1}{1} \frac{RT}{U} \frac{5}{8}$

JESS DOYLE, Kansas State Penitentiary #9845,
F. P. C: $\frac{25}{28} \frac{10}{0} \frac{11}{15}$

VIRGIL LOVE, Kansas State Penitentiary #6324,
F. P. C: (unknown).

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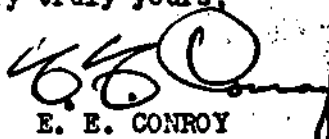
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Also, the same data is desired as to one:

X VOLLEY, or Volna, or Volney, DAVIS, who is said to have served in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, within the past five years. No other record is at this time available concerning Davis. The Oklahoma City office is now endeavoring to locate definitely the records of Lloyd Barker and Volley Davis.

Very truly yours,



E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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TERRY C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. #1201; ROBERT G. BRADY with aliases - FUGITIVE; HARVEY J. BAILEY with aliases -	CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER
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FUGITIVE, I. O. 1189; WILHELM UNDERHILL with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1191; ED DAVIS with aliases, I. O. 1193; BERNARD PHILLIPS with aliases, I. O. 1196; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases, I. O. 1194; et al.	65101
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

J. J. Baker, Employment Manager, Continental Motors Corporation, Muskegon, Michigan, advised by letter Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases, I. O. #1201, never worked for his company for the past 4 1/2 years. Baker claims informant Puffett's mentality a little bit off.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent Earl Van Wagoner, Chicago, Illinois, 11/23/33.

DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

DETAILS:

In compliance with the writer's request of Mr. Lundborg that his Mr. Baker communicate with the Chicago office as to his knowledge of whether Richard Tallman Galatas, I. O. #1201, ever worked at the Continental Motors Corporation, the Chicago office received a letter from Mr. J. J. Baker, Employment Manager of the Continental Motors Corporation, Muskegon, Michigan, dated November 15, 1933, advising that their works manager, Mr. G. L. Lundborg, gave him all the information agent furnished him, and that without any investigation whatever, he was positive that Richard Tallman

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. H. Quinn</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-1032	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JAN 8 - 1934
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Galatas was never employed by the Continental Motors Corporation for the last four and one-half years, for the reason that they have only employed men who were their regular employees and did not employ any strangers under any circumstances because they felt in duty bound to take care of their former employees.

Mr. Baker advised that when Mr. Lundborg told him that the informant was George Puflett, one of their former employees, he had every reason to question Puflett's mentality at Muskegon several times, and that if Puflett ever claimed he saw Galatas working at his plant, he apparently had some funny ideas. Mr. Baker advised that if the Chicago office received any additional information on this man, he would be glad to investigate further.

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RE:LS

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
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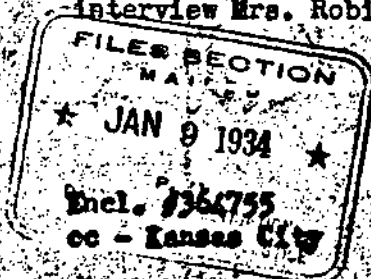
Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, Deceased, et al,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

There are transmitted herewith copies of an undated letter addressed to the Attorney General by Mrs. M. B. Robinson, Post Office Box 49, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and received in the Division January 5, 1934, wherein she furnishes information relative to the whereabouts of CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD alias "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD. You are instructed to have an Agent interview Mrs. Robinson relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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January 9, 1934.

Mrs. M. B. Robinson,
Post Office Box 49,
Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Dear Madam:

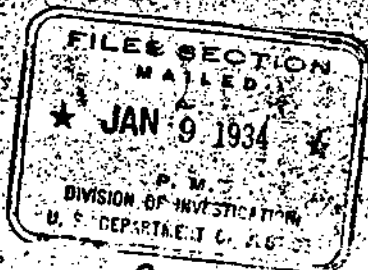
This is to acknowledge receipt of your undated letter addressed to the Attorney General and received in this Division January 5, 1934, wherein you furnish information relative to the whereabouts of "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Please be advised that I have referred a copy of your letter to Mr. R. H. Colvin, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 224 Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for appropriate attention.

Thanking you for your interest in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

Director.



Handwritten signature or initials.

Handwritten signature or initials.

Hon^W Homer L. Cummings
Washington D.C.



Dear Sir:

It is my understanding that
(Pretty Boy) Floyd is in Hot Springs Ark
Stopping at The Government Tourist Co
Known as "The Iron Springs"

Respectfully Mrs. M. B. Robinson
Hot Springs

P.O. Box 49

Arkansas

P.S. Prefer to not be known afraid of this rough
not knowing where to address
A reliable officer, I am sending
to Washington.

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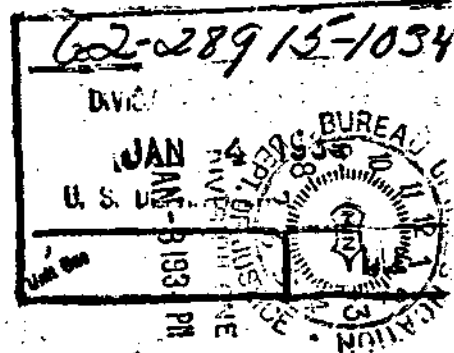
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=COLVIN.

- Mr. Nathan.....
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- Mr. Egan.....
- Mr. Hughes.....
- Mr. Quinn.....
- Mr. Lester.....
- Mr. Locke.....

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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January 3, 1934.

Mr. Nathan.....
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I talked with Agent Deaderick at Shawnee, Oklahoma this morning and he stated he had just talked with the doctors, who advised that Underhill had showed a slight improvement this morning.

The doctors stated they can not account for Underhill's tenacity to life and last night they would not have given him a chance whereas this morning he does show improvement and he has a bare chance of living.

They can not, however, approve his being moved for the present. Agent Deaderick will advise us daily of the condition of Underhill and developments. I instructed him to permit no interviews with Underhill excepting those when we were in attendance.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes
V. W. Hughes.

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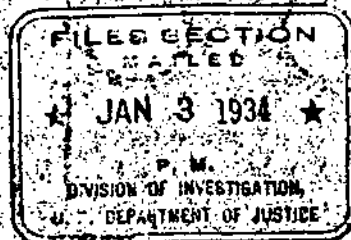
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Transmitted herewith is a memorandum containing data for Apprehension Order #289 on Wilber Underhill, with aliases, Identification Order #1191.

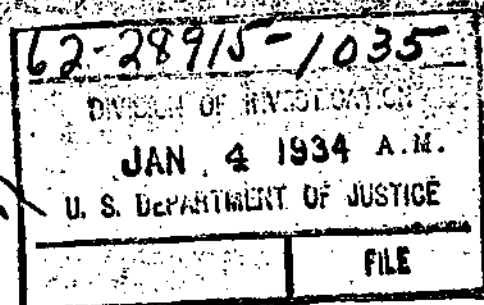
Very truly yours,

Director.

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APPREHENSION ORDER
No. 1191-289

Dear Sirs:

In re: WILBER UNDERHILL, with aliases
WILBUR UNDERHILL - HENRY WILBUR
Subject of I. O. No. 1191

Identification Order No. 1191 on the above named
subject is hereby cancelled inasmuch as he was apprehended
at Shawnee, Oklahoma on December 30, 1933.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover,

Director.

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January 3, 1934.

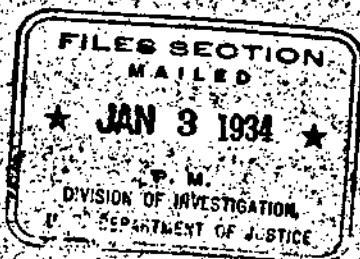
**MEMORANDUM FOR THE IDENTIFICATION UNIT
UNIT FIVE**

RE: ²WILBER UNDERHILL, with aliases
Identification Order No. 1191
FUGITIVE

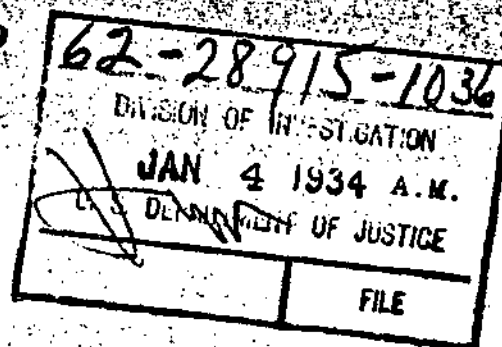
Please cancel Fugitive Index Card No. 5410 on the
above named subject inasmuch as he was apprehended at Shawnee,
Oklahoma on December 30, 1933.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Building
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, DECEASED - ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER
KANSAS CITY FILE 62-760-

Several weeks ago a city detective at Kansas City, Missouri, informed this office that a man named Jack Carter and his wife, who had been living at the Ambassador Hotel, 35th and Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri, suddenly left Kansas City following the Union Station massacre and were reported to have gone to Canada. The police detective, V. F. Phippen, heard that they left a trunk at the Ambassador Hotel, and that same was subsequently sold for storage, and that recently Carter and his wife returned to Kansas City, when they secured quarters at the Bellerive Hotel, and called at the Ambassador Hotel in an effort to secure the trunk but finding that it had been sold they inserted an ad in one of the local newspapers seeking to locate the purchaser of the trunk. It was Mr. Phippen's information that the trunk contained a false bottom, behind which were a large amount of bonds and Canadian money. It was reported by the police detective that Carter and his wife are members of the Frank Nash gang.

Special Agent W. E. Miller, of this office, on October 28, 1933, in connection with this matter, interviewed Mr. H. C. Carrier, manager of the Ambassador Hotel, whose records showed that on 10-3-1932 "C. C. Carter and wife" registered and resided there until 1-25-33, when they departed, leaving an unpaid balance of \$105.00. It is shown that "J. Carter and wife", whose registrations appear identical with the above, checked in on 3-4-1933 and out on 3-15-1933. Also that on 10-5-1933 the trunk belonging to "C. C. Carter and wife" was sold for the \$105.00 balance mentioned heretofore. No record was kept of the party to whom the trunk was sold. It is also shown that on 10-18-1933 a woman registered at the hotel as "Mrs. Jack Carter, Chicago, Illinois". Mr. Carrier recalled that this woman made inquiry concerning the trunk previously left by "C. C. Carter and wife", and that she was very angry when she was told the trunk had been sold for charges. It is shown that she checked out

the following day, and Mr. Carrier believed that the Carters went to the Bellerive Hotel, now managed by Mr. King Kosure, who was the former manager of the Ambassador Hotel during the time that the Carters were there. Through one of the Bellboys at the Ambassador Hotel it was ascertained that Mrs. Carter had a Chevrolet Coupe with a Texas license tag.

There were found available no telephone records at the Ambassador Hotel to indicate calls made by the Carters, since same have been destroyed.

W. E. Hull, manager of the Congress Garage at 36th and Broadway, stated that during the past winter C. C. Carter and wife stored two cars in this place, one being a two-tone brown Hupmobile Sedan, which appeared to be the car of Mrs. Carter, and the other a Chevrolet Coupe driven by Carter. Both cars were removed from storage in January 1933, leaving an unpaid storage bill of \$9.00. The records of the garage do not disclose the motor or license numbers of either of these cars. It was reported by Mr. Hull that Detective Sergeant Cole, of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, once checked these two cars while they were in storage, and secured a complete record of the motor and license numbers, one of which bore a Texas license. However, the Kansas City Office is not making contact with the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department proper in regard to this matter, since it is well known that that organization has not given honest cooperation.

The source of the information of Detective Phippen has not been definitely ascertained. It has not been possible to date to verify his information that the Carters left Kansas City about June 17, 1933. Phippen is probably in receipt of his information from the same source as later developed by this office; namely, one Dye, former city detective, now employed in a private capacity at Kansas City.

In following out this information Special Agent W. F. Trainor was informed by Mr. Bert Haycock, Special Agent of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company at Kansas City, that a man named Dye, mentioned heretofore, had informed him that "Jack Carter", who lived at the Ambassador Hotel during the early part of 1932 was known to Dye while the latter was house detective there. Dye informed Mr. Haycock that Carter formerly associated with Bernard Phillips, Francis Keating, Thomas Holden and Harvey J. Bailey, who were arrested at Kansas City in 1932, Holden and Keating being close friends of Nash and at that time escaped Federal prisoners.

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Dye informed Mr. Haycock that when the Carters recently returned to Kansas City they inserted the advertisement in the newspaper heretofore mentioned. Carter told Dye at that time that the trunk contained the stolen bonds, as outlined heretofore. Dye also informed Mr. Haycock that the ad was placed as a "blind" ad and answers thereto were referred to a man named Woody, who operated the cigar counter at the Ambassador Hotel. One telephone call is reported to have come to Woody in regard to the ad after it was inserted. Dye informed Mr. Haycock that he did not know whether or not Woody had been able to locate the trunk for Carter. It was believed probable by Mr. Haycock that Carter might still be at the Bellerive Hotel, at which place Dye informed him he had resided very recently at Kansas City. It was also stated that the woman who travels with Carter has relatives at and comes from Tyler, Texas.

Mr. Haycock recommended that Woody be approached for information in his possession regarding Carter. However, he informed that he could not vouch for either Woody or Dye, as he believes they are both on the border line of legality in their associations with the underworld.

Special Agents W. F. Trainor and M. E. Marshall approached Mr. Dye, first name not learned, in a cautious manner on January 2, 1934, at the Katz Drug Company, 10th and Main, where Dye is employed as a store detective. It could be plainly noted that that individual is in possession of a great deal of information regarding the true identity and connections of "Carter". He indicated that he might furnish information which would be of value in locating him, and although it was not believed advisable to ask him who Carter really is he gave evidence of knowledge that he is badly wanted by the Government. However, it was not deemed advisable to discuss in too great detail this matter with Dye.

Investigation was then made at the Bellerive Hotel, without disclosing the reason for the inquiry, although the official title of the Agents was made known. Mr. King Xosure, manager of the hotel, appeared to be entirely evasive and stated there is no one named "Carter" residing there and that he does not recall anyone of that name known to him previously at the Ambassador Hotel who has since resided at the Bellerive.

Agents Trainor and Marshall then proceeded to the Ambassador Hotel in a strictly undercover manner. At the cigar counter a titian haired woman was found on duty. She was asked where "Woody" could be seen and she replied that "Woody doesn't work here any more".

After several jocular remarks, when it became apparent that the woman was "in the know", she asked what the Agents wished to say to Woody and she was informed that it probably wouldn't mean anything to her. She stated that anything Woody knows she also knows. She was then asked whether or not Woody desired to see a certain trunk. She became noticeably interested and wanted to know why. She was asked "What is there in it" and replied "We never opened that trunk" and as she said this she blushed. She was informed that the question "What is there in it" referred not to the contents of the trunk but the question of remuneration for its return. She then seemed to believe that the Agents had possession of the trunk and plainly indicated that the trunk has not yet been located. She stated "Well, if that is why you wanted to see Woody he could not have helped you any as I am the one that is handling that". She stated that she is a close friend of "Jack and Grace" and that they are both badly wanted by the Government; that the Government had "hung around" the hotel during the time they were there and made every effort to catch them, and that the best way she could suggest for the Agents to learn how much it would be worth for the return of the trunk would be to get in direct contact with the Carters.

This woman stated when the question of the trunk was finally brought out "Oh, I see you have hold of something that you can't handle yourself". The substance of the entire conversation indicated that this woman believed the Agents to be dealing illegally and to be endeavoring to unload some stolen bonds.

The address of the Carters was furnished as 114 West Bow Street, Tyler, Texas. The woman furnished the name "Mrs. Grace Carter" at that address, and stated she had had a Christmas card from Jack and Grace a few days ago.

It is apparent that Carter is wanted for some violation by the Government; that he is a member of the Nash-Holden and Keating gang. He may be identical with Alvin Karpis, Bernard Phillips, or any of those members of the mob who are now at liberty.

A good description of the parties - Carter and wife - could not be secured, but the most reliable seems to be that as furnished by Mr. Hull of the Congress Garage, who described "C. C. Carter" as follows:

AGE
HEIGHT
WEIGHT
HAIR
COMPLEXION

34 or 35
6'
175 to 180 lbs.
Brown
Fair
Well dressed.

NAME
AGE
HEIGHT
WEIGHT
HAIR
COMPLEXION

MRS. GRACE CARTER
30
5' 3 or 4"
120 to 125 lbs.
Light
Fair
Well dressed - attractive.

This information is furnished in order that immediate investigation may be made at Tylor, Texas, since it appears that there is reason to believe that G. C. Carter is evidently identical with someone that is wanted in connection with the instant massacre, or some other major Government offense.

Since dictation of the above Mr. E. L. Dye, mentioned in this letter, called at the Kansas City Office and positively identified the photograph of Bernard Phillips as Carter. There is enclosed for your use a copy of photograph of Bernard Phillips as taken by the Chicago Police Department, number P333.

Since identification of the photograph of Phillips, conversation has been had with you by telephone today by Special Agent W. F. Trainor, of this office, outlining the above facts.

Very truly yours,

M. O. SPRAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

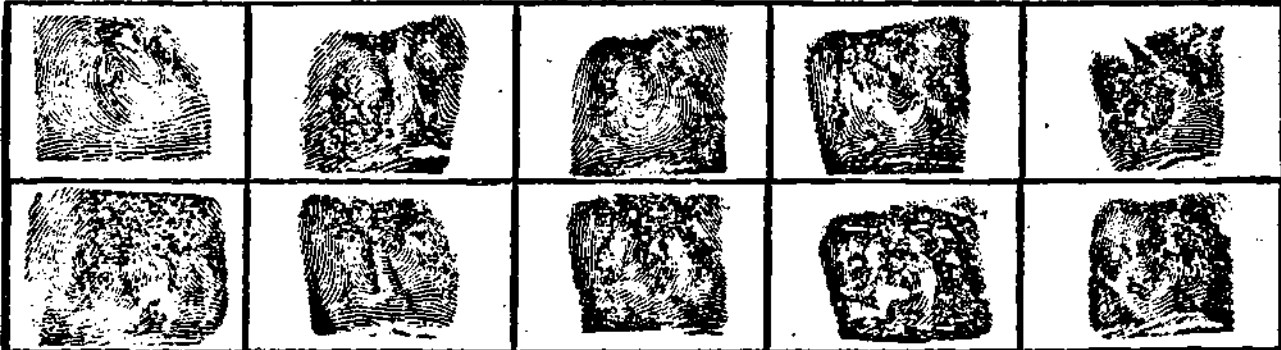
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WANTED
WILBER UNDERHILL, aliases
WILBUR UNDERHILL, HENRY, WILBUR



DESCRIPTION

Age, 32 years
Height, 5 feet, 11½ inches
Weight, 170 pounds
Build, medium large
Hair, light brown
Eyes, gray
Complexion, dark
Nationality, German
Scars and marks:
1- vac cic upr otr 11-
clear 11- two teeth
gone upr ftr left side,
gun shot cic bk of nk
lwr ctr moles on face
and neck.



W Underhill

CRIMINAL RECORD

As Wilber Underhill, #1969, arrested police department, Joplin, Missouri, February 10, 1919; charge, burglary.
As Wilbur Underhill, #23137, received S.P., Jefferson City, Missouri, November 5, 1920, from Newton County; crime, attempt to rob; sentence, 2 years.
As Wilbur Underhill, #25456, received S.P., Jefferson City, Missouri, February 14, 1923, from Jasper County; crime, robbery, first degree; sentence, 5 years.
As Henry Wilbur, #5059, arrested police department, Tulsa, Oklahoma,

January 7, 1927; charge, robbery, auto theft.

As Wilber Underhill, arrested police department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, January 7, 1927; charge, murder, hi-jacking.

As Wilbur Underhill, #17604, received S.P., McAlester, Oklahoma, June 7, 1927, from Okmulgee County; crime, murder; sentence, life imprisonment. Escaped July 14, 1931.

As Wilbur Underhill, #216, arrested Sheriff's Office, Wichita, Kansas, August 14, 1931; charge, murder.

As Wilbur Underhill, #4618, arrested police department, Wichita, Kansas, August 14, 1931; charge, murder; sentence, life imprisonment.

As Wilbur Underhill, #2337, received S.P., Lansing, Kansas, September 4, 1931; crime, murder, first degree. Escaped May 30, 1933.

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Wilbur Underhill, who was received at the Kansas State Prison at Lansing, Kansas on September 4, 1931, under a life sentence for murder, and who escaped therefrom May 30, 1933, is wanted in connection with the murder of Otto Reed, Chief of Police of McAlester, Oklahoma, William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, police officers of Kansas City, Missouri, Raymond J. Caffrey, Special Agent of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and their prisoner, Frank Nash, at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to nearest office, United States Bureau of Investigation.

If apprehended, please notify Special Agent in Charge, United States Bureau of Investigation, 905 Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri, and the Director, United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

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Issued by J. Edgar Hoover, Director

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

December 30, 1933.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hughes.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Locke.....

MEMORANDUM FOR MR NATHAN

Mr Colvin called this morning at 9 AM to advise that Wilbur Underhill, who was connected with the Kansas City case was shot this morning by Agents in Shawnee Oklahoma. He was shot with sub-machine guns and is in the Shawnee Oklahoma Hospital and is not expected to live. SAC Colvin is returning to Oklahoma City Office and will be able to be reached at the Oklahoma City Office about 11 AM. He, Mr Colvin, said he is leaving some men at the hospital to guard Underhill however the Dr advised that he would not live. Two other persons were wounded in gun battle one man and woman. The woman is in a critical condition.

Mr Hughes was advised of the facts and is taking care of the matter.

Very truly yours,

Leo M. Murphy

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
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Mr. Egan.....
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Mr. Locke.....

December 30, 1933.

Frank Smith

Mr. Colvin advised Mr. Hughes by telephone that he and Agents Birch, Edgar, Deaderick and Hansen and police officers of the Oklahoma City Police Department traced Underhill from Oklahoma City to a house in Shawnee, Okla., where they arrived at 3 a.m. that upon their arrival at the house where Underhill was located Colvin and Officer Heard of the Oklahoma City Police Department looked through the window of the house and saw Underhill and commanded him to throw up his hands in response to which Underhill reached for a Luger Automatic, whereupon Colvin and Heard opened fire on Underhill. In the house with Underhill were his wife, a bandit known as Ralph Roe and a beauty parlor operator, all were shot and Underhill's wife seriously injured. Underhill after being shot ran from the house and entered another fifteen blocks away, where he was located seriously injured.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley

Mr. Hughes is now trying to get in touch with one of the Agents at Shawnee, Oklahoma.

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January 8, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled RICHARD
TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, Identification
Order 1201, et al.

There is transmitted herewith the criminal record,
as contained in the Division's Identification Unit, of Jack
Sullivan, with aliases.

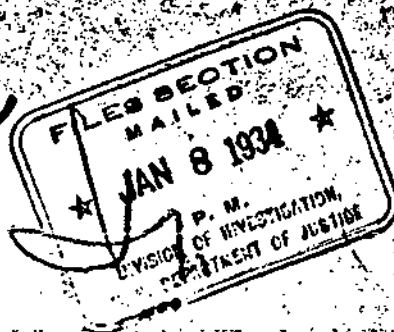
Very truly yours,

Director.

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cc Kansas City

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TITLE VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (deceased), RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases-FUGITIVE, IO 1201, ROBERT G. BRADY with aliases-FUGITIVE, IO 1190 HARVEY J. BAILEY with aliases-FUGITIVE IO 1189 WILBER UNDERHILL with aliases-FUGITIVE IO 1191 et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Horse racing meets are to be held at Jefferson Park, New Orleans, Louisiana until 1/20/34; at Agua Caliente, Mexico, for an indefinite period; at Tropical Park, Miami, Florida, to 1/24/34, and from 3/19/34 to 3/31/34; at the Fair Grounds, New Orleans, Louisiana, from 1/22/34 to 3/17/34; at Hialeah Park, Miami, Florida, from 1/25/34 to 3/17/34; and at Arlington Downs, Arlington, Texas, from 3/29/34 to 4/21/34. The Kansas City Office has suggested that subject Galatas was fond of horse racing and may frequent any of these tracks.

REFERENCE:

Kansas City letter dated 12/26/33.

DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Mr. George V. Polachek, office manager, Daily Racing Form, 441 Plymouth Court, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed by Agent at which time he supplied a printed copy entitled "Where and When Meetings Will Be Held in 1933 - 1934". This is a list of the known racing dates and probably includes all the racing which will take place through March 1934, although numerous racing meets which will occur at that date had not yet given out their formal racing periods. It will be noted that in the letter of reference, it was suggested by the Kansas City Office that subject Galatas was extremely fond of horse racing, and it was thought that he might attend any of the meets in question, that is, for the next ninety days, and it was suggested by the Kansas City Office that the racing dates be obtained, and that the interested offices be advised, so that appropriate investigations could be conducted at the various

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tracks. It was suggested that representatives of the Daily Racing Form might know such a Calatas and might be instrumental in assisting in his location. Mr. Polachek was questioned in regard to this last matter and said that the Daily Racing Form employed its own timers and reporters, spending a considerable sum of money each year in order to reliably report the various racing events. Because of the fact that many gamblers are interested in horse racing, and since unethical tactics are often adopted by these persons, Mr. Polachek indicated that the field agents of the Daily Racing Form were instructed to form no friendships with this element. While, of course, these representatives undoubtedly know many gamblers and bookmakers, it is realized by them that to become intimate with any of them will mean an investigation, and in all likelihood a dismissal. The Daily Racing Form endeavors to keep its representatives from contacting the gambling element in order to avoid the possibility that out of friendship one of its track representatives might erroneously report such facts as the time of the start of a race, and in that way cause the paper embarrassment. For this reason Mr. Polachek did not think that any of the representatives might know Calatas, or that he would endeavor to become acquainted with them. He stated, however, that if there were any indications that any of the track reporters were acquainted with this man, that he would be glad to see that that paper rendered what assistance it could.

He said that from his own experience that he had discovered that the racing tracks were covered more carefully by operatives of the Pinkerton Detective Agency than by any other organization. The Pinkerton men were interested at the race tracks mostly in locating thieves and confidence men. He thought, therefore, that to obtain the cooperation of these men at the various tracks would be the best method of solving the problem.

The dates on this list are as follows:

JEFFERSON PARK - Jefferson Parish Fair Association, New Orleans, La.: November 30 to January 30 (50 days). Mutuels.
 AGUA CALIENTE - Agua Caliente Jockey Club, Agua Caliente, Mexico: December 24, for an indefinite period. Mutuels.
 TROPICAL PARK - Cables Racing Association, Miami, Fla.: December 30 to January 24 (25 days). Mutuels.
 FAIR GROUNDS - Louisiana Jockey Club, New Orleans, La.: January 22 to March 17 (46 days). Mutuels.
 HIALEAH PARK - Miami Jockey Club, Miami, Fla.: January 25 to March 19 (45 days). Mutuels.
 TROPICAL PARK - Cables Racing Association, Miami, Fla.: March 19 to March 31 (12 days). Mutuels.
 ARLINGTON DOWNS - Texas Jockey Club, Arlington, Texas: March 29 to April 21 (21 days). Mutuels.

It will be noted that a racing meet at the Lone Star Jockey Club and Texas Breeders and Racing Association at Houston, Texas, was terminated on January 1,

1934, and that a meet at Charles Town, West Virginia, conducted by the Shenandoah Jockey Club, was terminated on December 25, 1933. There are a number of racing meets which have already been definitely scheduled to take place in May, June and July, 1934, but these meets are not being listed at this time as a complete list of such meets can be obtained later if the Kansas City Office so directs.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

This Office will conduct the necessary investigation at the Jefferson Park race track where a racing meet is now being conducted, in order to determine whether Richard Tallman Galatas is in attendance. This Office will also cover the racing meet at the Fair Grounds which will succeed the meet now being held at Jefferson Park. The cooperation of the local police and of the Pinkerton Detective Agency and other similar organizations should be obtained if advisable.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

This Office will conduct an appropriate investigation at Agua Caliente, Mexico, in order to determine whether subject, Richard Tallman Galatas, is in attendance at that meet, which is now in progress and which will continue for some time. --The Los Angeles Office will notice that the Pinkerton Detective Agents at the tracks have been suggested as a possible source of information.

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA:

This Office will conduct a suitable investigation in order to determine whether subject, Richard Tallman Galatas, is in attendance at the racing meet at Tropical Park, Miami, Florida, which is now in progress, and will also determine whether subject Galatas attends the meets at Hialeah Park, Miami, Florida, which meet is conducted from January 25 to March 17, 1934, and at Tropical Park, which meet will be conducted from March 19 to March 31, 1934. The Jacksonville Office will notice that the Pinkerton Detective operatives have been suggested as a possible source of information.

AT DALLAS, TEXAS:

The Dallas Office will conduct a suitable investigation at Arlington Downs, Arlington, Texas, in order to determine whether subject, Richard Tallman Galatas, frequents that track during the meet to be held between March 29 and April 21, 1934. This Office will note that the Pinkerton Detective operatives have been suggested as a possible source of information.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 3, 1934

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Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
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Mr. Egan	
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Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Locke	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent in Charge Colvin called me from Oklahoma City at 7 P.M. last evening and advised that he had returned to Oklahoma City after it had been determined that Underhill could not be moved from the hospital. He stated that the Warden of the penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma had arrived with an ambulance at Shawnee, but that between the time that he, Colvin, had notified the Warden to come on and the time of his arrival, Underhill had taken a serious turn for the worse and the doctors predicted that he could not live more than between 24 and 30 hours, and that under these circumstances they could not permit him to be moved. The Warden had returned with his ambulance to McAlester, but had left his two guards to supplement the guard of Agents at the hospital. Colvin stated he had returned to Oklahoma City to get a night's rest and to try to take care of his cold.

Subsequent to talking with you I again talked to Agent in Charge Colvin and advised that you desired that Agent Deaderick be placed in charge of the detail at the hospital and that the Division would contact Deaderick and would expect Deaderick to advise it direct of developments in this case; that it would not be necessary for Colvin to return to Shawnee. Agent in Charge Colvin stated that he would immediately so advise Deaderick by telephone. He stated that Deaderick could be reached at the Aldrich Hotel or at the Municipal Hospital at Shawnee.

I placed a call for Deaderick this morning and will inquire relative to developments and instruct him concerning interviews with Underhill, in other words, to have Agents present at all interviews.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
January 3, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter of December 11, 1933, relative to the contemplated confiscation of the Ford automobile abandoned by Vernon C. Miller at Chicago, Illinois on November 1, 1933.

On December 22, 1933, upon petition presented through Assistant United States Attorney E. A. Tappy, in United States District Court at Chicago, Illinois, Federal Judge J. H. Wilkerson ordered that the above automobile be delivered to this Division for official use.

It is, therefore, requested that this car be entered on the inventory of the Chicago Division Office. The order entered in this matter is carried under Civil Docket No. 42971 in the office of the Clerk of United States District Court, Chicago, Illinois, and a certified copy of the same is on file at the Chicago Office.

This car is a 1932 model Ford V-8 Coupe, bearing motor number 1836196 and 1933 New York license plates No. 8 L 14 - 69, and has been in dead storage since November 27, 1933 at the Clark-Van Buren Garage in Chicago, where the three Chevrolet cars assigned from the Prohibition Unit have been stored since the acceptance of their bid on October 7, 1933. The Clark-Van Buren Garage has advised that the following expenditures will be required to place this car in good condition:

Replace Windshield Glass	\$ 6.00
" Left Door Handle,	.85
" Front Spring,	4.45
" Fan Belt,	.60
Clean and adjust points,	1.59
General tightening,	2.00
Lubricate,	.85
Change Oil,	1.25
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With reference to the newly acquired Ford automobile, the above garage has also advised they will provide twenty-four hour storage with "Keep Clean" Service, will wash as often as is necessary, dust daily and regularly inspect the tire inflation and the radiator for \$10.25 per month, which is the same rate they are now charging for each of the three Chevrolet cars.

As noted in our letter to the Division under date of October 7, 1933, submitting quotations received on storage of the Chevrolet automobiles, this bid is, by far, the lowest available from garages located in the vicinity of the Chicago Division Office. The storage of the Ford car at the Clark-Van Buren Garage will, also, place all of the cars presently assigned to this office, at one location, which will be a decided advantage.

Authority is respectfully requested to make the necessary repairs on the Ford automobile in question to put it in good condition and, also, to store the same at the Clark-Van Buren Garage at a monthly rate of \$10.25.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

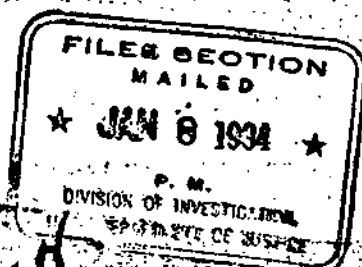
Reference is made to your letter of January 3, 1934, concerning the Ford Coupe abandoned by Vernon C. Miller, and delivered to your office for official use by the United States District Court. You are advised that authority is granted to have the necessary repairs made in order to place the car in first class condition.

With regard to the use of this car by your office, reference is made to your telephone conversation with Mr. Tolson on January 5th, in which you stated that arrangements had been made for the transfer of two more cars to your office from the Alcoholic Beverage Unit. You are advised that the Division approves the retention of all six of these automobiles by your office, and desires that you advise it as soon as possible, when the other cars are received.

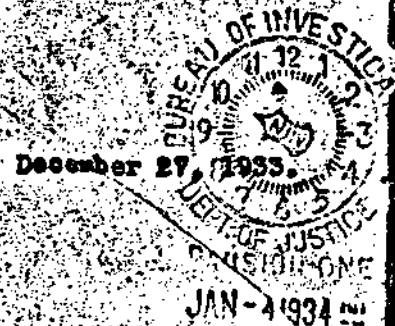
Although you state that the Clark-Van Buren Garage will store the Ford Coupe at the same rate as the three cars which are now being stored there, you are advised that it will be necessary to solicit new bids covering the Ford Coupe and the two cars to be procured from the Alcoholic Beverage Unit. The Division authorizes you to accept the lowest bid and desires that three copies of all communications relative thereto be submitted to it.

Very truly yours,

Director.



SUITE 1 FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Please refer to the report of Special Agent E. F. Trainor dated at this office December 27th, which is enclosed.

The Joplin, Missouri, Police Department has advised that Harry Campbell, alias Dave Campbell was never photographed or fingerprinted at that department, but that his identification was secured by the Joplin police from the Tulsa, Oklahoma, Police Department. The police number is not available. The fingerprint classification of Campbell is shown in the report enclosed.

Kindly make immediate investigation at Tulsa, Oklahoma, to secure all available personal and criminal history of Campbell, as well as one original photograph of that individual to be forwarded to the Kansas City office. It is requested that this matter be expedited, and that the undeveloped leads for the Oklahoma City office at McAlester, as shown in the enclosed report, be covered at the earliest possible moment.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

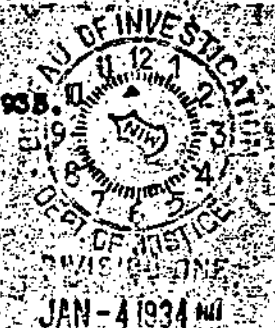
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December 29, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED), ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Recent information was received confidentially from a prisoner at Lansing, Kansas, by Special Agent A. E. Farland to the effect that on June 16th, at Blytheville, Arkansas, a man was held up and his Pontiac Coach was stolen by Robert G. Brady and James Clark, recent escapes from the Kansas State Penitentiary, who were apprehended and returned to that institution. You will note that these individuals are prominently mentioned in connection with the above entitled case. It was stated that the Pontiac car was used as a means of escape after a robbery on June 16th of the bank at Black Rock, Arkansas. The Pontiac car is said to have been abandoned at Earlboro, Oklahoma, shortly after June 16th.

In the robbery at Black Rock, Arkansas, it has been alleged, there were various members of the Harvey Bailey gang, including Brady, Clark, Bailey, Ed Davis and Wilber Underhill. This would, of course, be a possible means of eliminating some of these individuals as suspects in the Kansas City massacre. You are requested to make investigation at Blytheville, Arkansas, and Earlboro, Oklahoma, to secure details of the theft of the Pontiac car and the abandonment of same as mentioned here. It is suggested that photographs of various individuals mentioned in this letter as suspects in the bank robbery be displayed at the various points where investigation is followed in this connection. It would probably also be helpful to display these photographs at Black Rock, Arkansas, where the bank robbery occurred.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
DECEMBER 28, 1933.



Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
203 Post Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON O. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

There is being transmitted herewith, by registered mail, one metal bullet fired from Thompson sub-machine gun and found as evidence after the robbery of the bank at Brainerd, Minnesota, which was mentioned in the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, December 7, 1933.

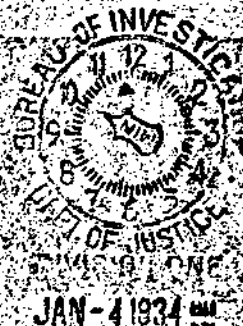
Very truly yours,

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
DECEMBER 28, 1933.



Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Building
Dallas, Texas,

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONERS

There is enclosed a photograph of Wilber Underhill, Wichita, Kansas Police Department number 4618, who is the Subject of Identification Order 1191. This photograph was taken August 14, 1931 and appears to be a very good likeness of the Subject.

There is also enclosed a photograph of Charles Arthur Floyd together with one Beula Beard, a former sweetheart of this individual. This photograph, while it was taken about the year 1929, is one of the best in existence to show his appearance when attired in street clothes. You will note that Floyd is the Subject of Division Identification Order number 1194.

Very truly yours,

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Suite 1, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
December 26, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, Deceased, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

It is noted in connection with recent investigation conducted at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and other points for the purpose of locating Richard Tallman Galatas that he is exceedingly fond of horse racing activities and has for a number of years participated in gambling of this type. He is well acquainted with Thomas Kearney, one of the major booking agents, who operates in St. Louis, Missouri. He may be known to other race booking agents in the United States.

It is requested that at your earliest convenience through the Daily Racing Form, 441 Plymouth Court, Chicago, Illinois, you secure a complete schedule of horse races to be operated in the United States and Mexico for the next ninety days period. Galatas is likely to be at any of these major races and it is suggested that he may be well known to the representatives of the Daily Racing Form, therefore, if it is at all possible arrangements should be made through the executive of the publication in question to locate Galatas if the cooperation of that organization can be secured.

Please expedite this inquiry and notify direct all offices who may be called upon to cover the locations where the races are to be had.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEER, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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1806 First National Bank Building

Charlotte, N. C.

January 8, 1934



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
903 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases et al
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to
deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a memorandum prepared by Special Agents J. W. Vincent and L. B. Read, of this office, which relates to a lead in South Carolina relative to Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd. It will be observed, however, that the person suspected of being identical with Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd in no way resembles said individual.

Very truly yours,

Daight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge

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January 2, 1934.

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RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
(CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD).

By Special Agent L. B. Read.

On December 13, 1933, I was approached, at Federal Court, Florence, South Carolina, by C. E. Leaphart, of Lexington, South Carolina, who stated he had been sent to me by the U. S. Marshal. Leaphart wanted to know if any substantial reward was outstanding for Floyd and said he knew where Floyd could be located. He said he did not know Floyd personally and although I questioned him closely, he said he preferred having an Agent call on him at Lexington, South Carolina. Leaphart had been serving on a petit jury in Federal Court. U. S. Deputy Marshal Hendricks informed me that Leaphart is a successful farmer, property holder and man of means.

By Special Agent J. W. Vincent.

After making several unsuccessful attempts to locate Mr. C. E. Leaphart, Lexington, South Carolina, yesterday, December 19, 1933, I finally located him last night on the road between Columbia and Lexington. At that time, he did not seem to be inclined to disclose fully to Agent all of the knowledge which he had about this matter and desired that I call on him today, which was done.

Mr. Leaphart stated that about the latter part of July, or the first of August, of this year, he noticed that some strangers had moved into a filling station, on one side of the road, and a dwelling house just across the same road on the highway leading from Columbia, South Carolina, to Lexington, South Carolina, about six miles from Columbia. The house is located on the right hand side of the road as one travels towards Lexington from Columbia and the filling station is directly across on the left hand side of the highway. The filling station is a small one-room brick building which handles Standard Oil products. The house is a comfortable country farm home above the average and is situated on a tract of land of about forty acres. Mr. Leaphart stated that he was informed by Mike Roof that the strangers had bought the farm. From time to time, he has noticed the operator of the filling station, in his almost daily passage of the station and on a few occasions has stopped for gasoline. The operator runs the station alone, very seldom has anyone hanging around the place and personally waits on the trade. About two months ago, as best Mr. Leaphart can remember, he noticed in

one of the Columbia newspapers, either the "Columbia Record" or "The State",

a photograph of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd along with a photograph of his fingerprints and most of the other data appearing on Identification Order No. 1194. At the time, it struck him that the individual operating the above filling station was identical with Floyd. Mr. Leaphart again stopped at the filling station and bought gasoline and observed the individual. He then mentioned to his brother, Sam Leaphart, Lexington, South Carolina, the above recited facts and his brother also visited the station and bought gasoline from the individual and confirmed Mr. C. E. Leaphart's belief. Subsequently, Mr. Leaphart discussed this matter with an Agent of the Charlotte Office, Mr. L. B. Reed, at Florence, South Carolina, during a term of court.

Mr. Leaphart advised Agent that he had an acquaintance in the neighborhood of the filling station in question whose name is Mike Roof and whose home is within three-quarters of a mile of the filling station. Mike Roof stated to Mr. Leaphart that he had been around the filling station on several occasions and had learned that the owner of the dwelling house in question was named Hammond, from Virginia, who had married the sister of the operator of the filling station, who is from Wisconsin. He also mentioned the name of the filling station operator but Mr. Leaphart could not recall the same. Mr. Roof also advised that these individuals had formerly been connected with carnivals and that Mr. Hammond, who has never been seen by Mr. Leaphart is also a glass-blower and some sort of a magician, having formerly practiced these trades in carnivals. Roof advised further that once when money ran a little short with these people, they wrote off and in a very short while a nice sum of money arrived and that they always seem to have plenty of money and are never hard pushed and apparently don't have to work.

When I exhibited to Mr. Leaphart the photographs of Floyd, he stated that the operator of the filling station did not correspond with Floyd. Agent then exhibited to him the picture of Floyd on the Identification Order, from which the newspaper clipping in possession of Mr. Leaphart had been taken, and Mr. Leaphart then advised that there was some similarity between the identification order picture and the individual he had seen. However, Mr. Leaphart was pretty well convinced that the individual could not be Floyd when shown the actual photograph.

After Mr. Leaphart had expressed the belief that the individual was not Floyd, Agent obtained a view of the individual in passing the filling station and without making any investigation or asking any questions and doing nothing more than passing by, observed that the operator of the filling station is described as follows:

Age:	38 - 40 years
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	About 165 to 170 lbs.
Build:	stocky
Hair:	Thin and dark, almost black.

Eyes:
Marks:

brown (at a distance)
Has a scar about three or four inches
long and about 1 1/2" wide on his right
cheek which appears to be well healed.
This scar is very noticeable.

Just at a glance, it appears that the nose and head of this individual are too small for Floyd. Floyd's nose, from the photograph, is large, thick between his eyes and large at the end, while the nose of this individual did not impress Agent as being anything out of the ordinary.

Mr. Leaphart advised that he would again contact Roof for any further information which he had with reference to the operator of the filling station and was advised by Agent to make no further inquiries until this matter was reported to the office and the proper steps taken to identify this man if any should be taken. Mr. Leaphart has stopped at the filling station on numerous occasions and has passed the same almost every day until he can stop and purchase gasoline at anytime without arousing the suspicion of the operator. In fact, it does not appear that anyone arouses him as he waits on the public trade just as the operator of any other filling station.

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SUITE L FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY

December 26, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased) ET AL
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Please refer to the report by Special Agent W. Carter Baum in the above mentioned case dated at Chicago, December 20, 1933. With reference to the second paragraph on Page 7 of that report, there is enclosed a photographic copy of telephone toll ticket showing long-distance call from Kansas City, Missouri, Grand 9310, to South Bend, Indiana, at 8:51 p.m. June 16, 1933. Upon close scrutiny, it appears that the telephone number may be 52585-J in South Bend, Indiana.

Please make appropriate investigation pursuant to information shown in the paragraph mentioned on Page 7 of Agent Baum's report to determine full particulars regarding connection of Vivian Howe, at whose place the telephone number in question is located.

Your attention is also called to Pages 8 and 9 of Agent Baum's report, particularly to those portions listing telephone calls from Telephone No. May wood 1893 during June 1933. Since the telephone number in question is that of Subject Stacci, it is suggested that you follow out the numbers called from that telephone in Chicago, making examination of all calls from these numbers on June 16 and 17, 1933. You will particularly note that on June 17th, a telephone call was made to the unpublished telephone of Rocco De Grazia, and it may be that De Grazia's telephone was used to clear information between Subject Miller in Kansas City and Subject Stacci in Chicago on June 16 and 17.

With reference to the data shown in the first paragraph on Page 9 of the report of Agent Baum, it is requested that your office

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inform the Kansas City office more fully regarding the alleged concealment of a machine gun in Chicago, Illinois, by Rocco De Grazia and others, who are known to have a connection with Subject Stacci, and which machine gun has a possible connection with the instant massacre. This information originated in the Chicago office and was furnished to the Division in memorandum form. The memorandum was not furnished to the Kansas City office, but was referred to in a letter from the Division to this office, dated December 7, 1933. In this connection, please refer to the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 15th.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Division
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SUITE 1 FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY

December 29, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
801 Title Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.



Dear Sir:

RE:

VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED), ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Kindly refer to report of Special Agent J. E. Brennan at St. Louis, Missouri, dated December 28, 1933, with reference to the investigation at Little Rock, Arkansas, regarding the Cadillac Sedan belonging to the wife of Richard Tallman Calatas, as set forth in letter from this office to the Director dated December 15, 1933.

I have conferred with Special Agents H. E. Andersen and H. E. Marshall, since my return from St. Louis. The Agents advise that during their investigation at Hot Springs, between December 7 and 13, 1933, that John Harbour and Mr. Madison of the Madison-Smith Cadillac Company and Mr. and Mrs. Judy Menna and an employee of the Jendy's Restaurant all stated, that the Cadillac was delivered at Little Rock about six weeks prior to the investigation, and at least not more than two months prior to that time. In addition, for your information, it may be noted that the Agents specifically inquired for records, which would reflect the date of the receipt of the automobile at the Cadillac agency in Little Rock. Mr. Madison and the other employees informed Agents that no record was made of the receipt of the car, and that they had no other records of that company, which would indicate how long it had been there.

For your information, the investigating Agents ascertained at Hot Springs that the Madison-Smith Cadillac Company of Little Rock, Arkansas, has been selling Cadillac automobiles for a long time past to confidence men from all over the United States, with Calatas acting as an agent for them.

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It is further noted in the letter referred to above, that John Harbour indicated that he went to the restaurant by himself, altho he made no positive statement to that effect. You are aware that Robert B. Prout advised that two men came to the restaurant for the automobile, and that one stated that he knew the car the minute he saw it. The statement of John Harbour to the agents was to the effect that the car was not recognized until it was examined at the garage. Of course, this is contrary to the contents of the receipt given by Harbour, which specifically sets forth that it was a car "owned by Mr. Clates of Hot Spgs."

Very truly yours,

E. R. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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cc-Oklahoma City
cc-Division
2-K.C. File 62-760-

U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

311 Hurley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.

January 4, 1934.



Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, et al,
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

Dear Sir:

For the Division's information, there are trans-
mitted herewith three copies of a memorandum prepared by
Special Agent J. E. Schoales, dated December 27, 1933, covering
an investigation made at Lynchburg, Virginia on a report that
Charles Pretty Boy Floyd had been identified as having visited
that vicinity.

Very truly yours,



C. G. SCHENKEN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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311 Hurley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.

December 27, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE.

At approximately 3:30 a.m. on December 7, 1933 Special Agent T. G. Kelliher called Agent at Roanoke, Virginia advising that a telegram had just been received from Mr. Murphy, Superintendent of Police at Lynchburg, Virginia to the effect that Charles Arthur Floyd had been identified as participating in a robbery at Lynchburg, Virginia the previous night.

Immediately after talking with Agent Kelliher, Agent called the Lynchburg Police Department by telephone and talked with Sergeant M. H. Wood who advised that there had been a robbery in Lynchburg and that as a result of displaying some pictures of criminals to the party robbed, she had identified Charles Arthur Floyd's picture as being one of the parties participating in the robbery.

On December 7, 1933, Agent, together with Mr. C. O. Deaner of the Lynchburg Police Department, interviewed Bernice Schiffman, 312 Monroe Street, Lynchburg, Va. who advised that at approximately 8:30 p.m. on the evening of December 5, 1933 three men, who were strangers to her, came to her house which is a sporting house and informed her that a friend of hers had talked with them in Florida and suggested that they stop to see her as they were traveling through Lynchburg on their way to Cincinnati, Ohio; that she accordingly let them into her house and they danced around in the parlor for a while with herself and the other girls and that finally one of the party pulled out a gun and said it was a holdup and asked for her jewels and money. As a result, they obtained approximately \$200 in money and \$1,000 in jewelry but did not obtain the most valuable part of her jewelry which she had previously thrown in a dresser drawer among some of her underwear. She described these individuals as:

- #1. 6'1"; 35 years; 175 pounds; hair black; straight; complexion dark; clean shaven; resembles Charles Arthur Floyd.
- #2. 6'; 50 years; 200 pounds; eyes and hair gray; smooth shaven.
- #3. 5'6"; 40 years; 165 pounds; eyes brown; hair brown; complexion dark.

She stated that after looking at the photograph of Charles Arthur Floyd in a True Detective Magazine she had concluded that the party referred to above as #1 was Floyd. She mentioned that while she and the party referred to as #1 were dancing in her parlor this individual's head interfered with the chandelier hanging from the center of the room. Agent walked over under this chandelier which just touched the top of his head. Bernice Schiffman stated that when the party referred to as #1 walked under it, his head went into the chandelier a little ways; consequently this would make this individual at least 6'1" in view of the fact that Agent is exactly 6' tall.

In view of this fact this individual could not be Pretty Boy Floyd as he is only approximately 5'8" tall.

This information was telephoned to Acting Special Agent in Charge L. P. Oliver on December 7, 1933.

J. E. Schoales,
Special Agent.

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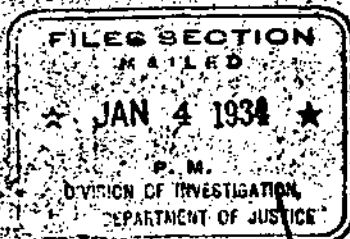
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite 1,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

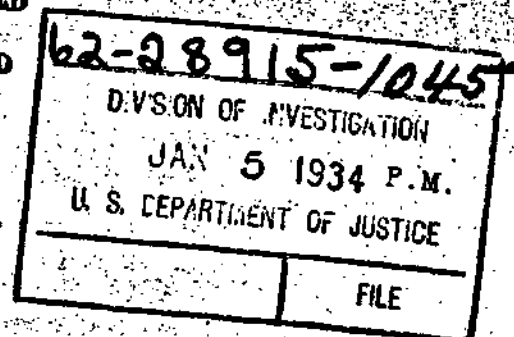
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Very truly yours,

Director.



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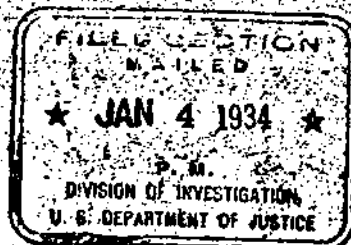
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Very truly yours,

Director.



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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City, Missouri**FILE NO. **62-456**

REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-3-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-6-9-33	REPORT MADE BY J. J. Perkins
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TITLE VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased), et al.	CHARACTER OF CASE Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Home of Frank Hall, friend of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, located on Mid-Continent lease, Route No. 1, Maud, Okla., under surveillance by Police and E. H. Cook, Maud, Records of State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla., checked for personal and family history of Underhill.

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REFERENCE: Letter of SAC R. E. Vetterli, Kansas City, Mo., 9-11-33, report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Mo., 11-1-33 and report of Special Agent J. J. Perkins, Okla. City, Okla., 11-23-33.

DETAILS:

Harry Gideon, Night Police Officer, Maud, Oklahoma, which is located about nineteen miles northeast of Seminole, Oklahoma, advised the writer that he is well acquainted with Frank Hall, party mentioned in letter of reference. He stated that Hall is an ex-convict and has the reputation of hiding out criminals at his farm, which is located in a remote section of Maud, Oklahoma, and it would be difficult to locate it unless someone was familiar with that locality.

Officer Gideon advised the writer that he would be willing to go to the farm of Hall with Agent for the purpose of showing its location and if Hall were present, he knew he could talk with him discreetly without arousing his suspicion in an endeavor to obtain information regarding the location of "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. A. Colm</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-1047	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JAN 6 1934
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About 7:30 P.M. on December 6, 1932 the writer, accompanied by Officer Gideon, proceeded to the farm of Hall, but was unable to interview him as he was not at home. On the following day the writer and Officer Gideon talked to E. H. Cook, who is a neighbor of Hall's and is in charge of the leases of the Mid-Continent Oil Company, Route No. 1, Maud, Oklahoma. He stated that Hall has been his neighbor for about four years; that he is very neighborly and frequently visits his home; that he did not have any knowledge of Floyd frequenting the home of Hall, but remembers an incident that occurred just before Birdwell, a pal of Floyd's, was shot, that led him to believe that Hall and Floyd were good friends. He stated that a short time before Birdwell was killed, he, Mr. Cook, was making a survey of some oil leases when three shots were fired from the vicinity of Hall's farm, the bullets going close by him; that the following day he told Hall about the shots and Hall said nothing, but laughed. About two weeks later Hall reminded him of their conversation about the shots and stated, "Do you know who that was that was doing the firing?" Mr. Cook replied, "Of course, not"; that Hall then said that it was Birdwell, who was tired and was hiding out in an old cellar near the Hall farm and was practicing a little shooting.

Mr. Cook advised Officer Gideon that he would keep a close lookout and if he learned of Floyd being at the home of Hall, he would immediately get in touch with him.

The records at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, disclose that Wilbur Underhill was received June 7, 1927, #17604, to serve a sentence of life for murder and that he escaped July 14, 1931.

Following is a list of relatives who corresponded with Underhill while confined in the State Penitentiary at McAlester:

Mrs. Alma or Almira Underhill - mother, Joplin, Missouri
 Mrs. Lucille Underhill, Joplin, Missouri and Heavener,
 Oklahoma - wife
 Brothers - Ernest, George and Earl, Joplin, Missouri
 Sisters - Dena Underhill, Joplin, Missouri
 Anna Lewis, Joplin, Missouri
 Mrs. Grace Bain, Joplin, Missouri

The records failed to further reflect any pertinent information regarding the personal and family history of Underhill.

Jewell M. Pittman, 321 N.W. G Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma, was again interviewed and stated that he had finally concluded not to interest himself in the capture of Floyd unless all his expenses were first paid. He stated that if that was done, he would then do everything in his power to effect the apprehension of Floyd.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Maud, Oklahoma will keep in touch with Harry Gideon, Night Officer, and E. H. Cook for any information they may have developed relative to the location of "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter dated January 8, 1934, wherein you transmit a copy of the photograph and fingerprints of W. G. ALLEN with aliases, I beg to inform you that an appropriate wanted notice has been placed in the Division's file in this case, and the Chief of Police at Port Arthur, Texas will be advised by telegram of any information received as to his whereabouts in the future.

Very truly yours,

Director.

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

January 3, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith are photograph and fingerprints of
W.G. ALLEN, with aliases - Beaumont PD #3800.

It is requested that a notice be placed in the Division's Identification Unit to notify the Dallas Office when and where Allen is next apprehended, and that the Division request the arresting agency to hold Allen for questioning. In the event he has been released prior to receipt of such notice, then the arresting agency should be requested to notify Allen that Chief of Police H.B. Baker of Ft. Arthur, Texas desires to contact him.

The reason for the above request is as follows: Allen is one real "con" man and has a wide acquaintance among the confidence gangs over the entire United States. Chief of Police Baker of Ft. Arthur at one time was Chief of Police at Miami, Florida, and interceded for Allen at one time when he was held on swindling charges in another Florida city.

Agent C.B. Winstead conferred with Chief Baker recently and Mr. Baker is of the opinion that Allen will either know the exact whereabouts of DICK GALATAS or will be in a position to ascertain his whereabouts on short notice. If Allen can give such information there is no doubt but that he would furnish same to Chief of Police Baker without hesitation.

Chief Baker stated he would go any place to assist in locating Galatas for the Division.

Agent Winstead was in Beaumont, Texas in October, 1932 when Allen was apprehended by Mr. Sharp of the Special Agency Service, Treasury Department, and talked with Allen. Allen informed Winstead then that a fugitive "con" man formerly of Atlanta, Ga. was staying at Phoenix, Arizona.

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Director.

It is considered that the above named person may be
used to advantage in locating Galatas. //

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc 62-410-

Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Edwards	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Hughes	✓
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Lester	_____
Mr. Locke	_____

January 2, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Special Agent in Charge Colvin at Oklahoma City telephoned. He informed me that Underhill's condition is improved; that the Warden at McAlester is coming after him and that several Division Agents will accompany him when Underhill is removed to McAlester. Mr. Colvin advised that Underhill has given considerable information to a bank representative and that an Agent was present during part of this interview. I instructed that an Agent should be present during all such interviews. He stated that Underhill now seems to be afraid of his gang and that the hospital authorities are anxious that he be moved. Mr. Colvin stated that the Kansas authorities desire to take Underhill on charges there, and I instructed him to advise this representative that that question would have to be settled with the Oklahoma authorities. I instructed Mr. Colvin to advise me when the transfer is effected.

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Mr. Quinn	_____
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Mr. Locke	_____

January 2, 1934.

MEMORANDUM.

Mr. Thomas F. Cullen of the International News Service, New York City, telephoned. He stated that he had the story that Agent in Charge Colvin had received the tip on the Underhill case from the husband of the Nicholson woman. I advised Mr. Cullen - upon his inquiry as to whether we had any information in this regard - that I had not as yet received Mr. Colvin's report, but expected it in today, and that if it contained this particular information I would call him. His number is Murray Hill 2-0131. Mr. Cullen also suggested the possibility that the Nicholson woman, being an informant, may have been killed by Underhill.

After talking with Agent in Charge Colvin I telephoned Mr. Cullen and advised him that Mr. Colvin felt there was no basis for the questions raised, but that he would make a further check.

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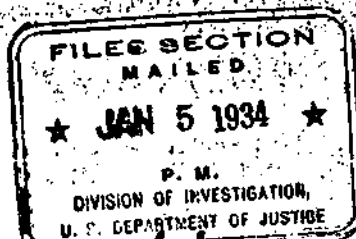
MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR. WILLIAM STANLEY

Since the massacre at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933, at which time an Agent of this Division, together with three police officers and their prisoner, Frank Nash, was murdered, this Division has been endeavoring to locate Wilber Underhill, with aliases, who with others was indicted at Kansas City, Missouri, on September 1, 1933, in connection with this offense.

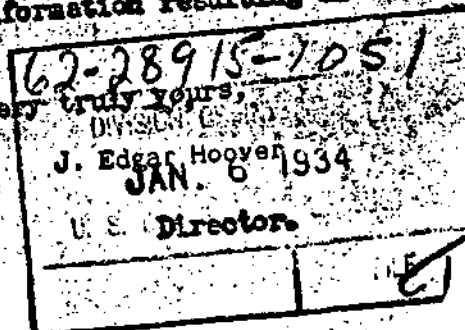
Underhill was located and taken into custody by Division Agents in cooperation with local law enforcement officials at Shawnee, Oklahoma, on December 30, 1933, at which time a gun battle ensued when Underhill refused to surrender. He was seriously injured and is now located in the Municipal Hospital at Shawnee, Oklahoma, under guard.

Underhill's location and apprehension was brought about through a confidential informant who was promised by the Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Office that if he were able to advise of the exact whereabouts of Underhill and such information was responsible for his apprehension he would be paid a fee of \$500.00. This is in line with the same procedure followed for the apprehension of Frank Nash and the same reward has been offered for the apprehension of Richard Tallman Galatas, who is also wanted in connection with this same case. The payment of this reward to the informant who submitted the information which resulted in the apprehension of Underhill has undoubtedly resulted in a saving of several times the amount of the reward because of the elusive and desperate character of this criminal who, it will be noted from the attached Identification Order, has served two sentences in Missouri on charges of robbery and has escaped both from the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, and the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, where he was committed for murder.

The Appropriation Act for the Division of Investigation includes a proviso for the payment of rewards upon approval of the Attorney General and I desire to recommend that the Division be authorized to pay a reward of \$500.00 to the informant who submitted the information resulting in the apprehension of Underhill.



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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Washington, D. C.

January 5, 1934.

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APPREHENSION ORDER
No. 1191-289

Dear Sir:

In Re: WILBER UNDERHILL, with aliases
WILBUR UNDERHILL - HENRY WILBUR
Subject of I. O. No. 1191

Identification Order No. 1191 on the above named
subject is hereby cancelled inasmuch as he was apprehended
at Shawnee, Oklahoma on December 30, 1933.

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Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover, JAN 6 1934 A.M.
Director, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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MEMORANDUM

62-456
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
December 18, 1933

Re: VERNON O. MILLER, et al
Obstruction of Justice
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

On December 12, 1933, Mr. Urachel called at this office with Detectives Weatherford and Sweeney of the Fort Worth, Texas Police Department, who are in Oklahoma City in connection with some matter with Mr. Urachel, and Detective Weatherford stated that a confidential informant of his at Fort Worth, Texas, whose name he did not desire to give but which informant is considered absolutely reliable by Detective Weatherford having given him considerable valuable information in the past, had previously informed Detective Weatherford that one Horace Kennedy who lives on a farm fourteen miles west of Madill, Oklahoma was known to harbor criminals, and at the suggestion of Detective Weatherford, the informant visited Horace Kennedy at his farm west of Madill on December 2, 1933. The informant approached Kennedy on the pretext that he, the informant, was planning the robbery of a bank and desired to locate a good hideout. He requested permission from Kennedy to hideout at his place after the bank robbery. The informant advised Weatherford that Kennedy said that it would be perfectly okay for the informant to use his farm as a hideout, and that Kennedy had treated the informant very cordially.

The informant further advised Weatherford that on the date he had visited Kennedy, namely, December 2, 1933, that Eddie Doll alias Eddie Larue, and Ed Bentz were at this farm. The informant advised Weatherford that he knew both Eddie Doll and Ed Bentz, and that there was absolutely no mistake as to their identity. He further advised Weatherford that it appeared that Doll and Bentz had been at the farm for a few days, evidently hiding out, and that Doll and Bentz were there when the informant left the farm on December 2. The informant further advised Weatherford that Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd also used Kennedy's farm as a hideout, and that Kennedy advised the informant that Floyd had been there a few days previous to the informant's visit; that Floyd was expected to return to the farm in about one week (from December 2). Kennedy advised the informant that Floyd had gone to Kansas City, but was expected back within a week.

The informant further advised Weatherford that there was a drug store in Madill, Oklahoma from which the gang located at Kennedy's farm made all their telephone calls, and that this telephone would be an excellent source to obtain information concerning a number of criminals who frequented Kennedy's farm. The informant did not know whether there was more than one drug store in Madill, and did not know the name or description of the drug store from which the telephone calls were made. The informant advised Weatherford that

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Kennedy has a large house on the farm, the house evidently costing about \$10,000.00, and also that there are some barns and out houses on the property; that Kennedy has one negro cook working there who is supposed to be wanted for a murder, and that Kennedy also has two other men on the place with him; that as far as the informant could learn no women lived there or visit the place.

Detective Weatherford stated that from his knowledge, no enforcement officers at Madill or in the surrounding territory can be trusted, and in his opinion, any stranger going to Madill and making inquiries about the Kennedy farm would tip off the place immediately. Weatherford stated that in his opinion, in order to secure any information concerning Kennedy's farm, it would be absolutely necessary to make inquiries independent of any law enforcement officials in Madill; that this included both the police and the sheriff's officers; that his information is that they can not be trusted. Weatherford stated that he thought the best thing which could be done after getting a lineup on the drug store, would be to have a tap placed on this telephone, and that the information obtained therefrom would probably result in apprehending several wanted criminals. Weatherford could not give any description of Kennedy. Weatherford further stated that the informant had noticed two automobiles in back of Kennedy's house and thought that one was a new Buick sedan.

The Oklahoma City office will make discreet inquiries through the post office inspectors relative to the reliability of the postmaster at Madill, Oklahoma, to get further information concerning the drug store from which the telephone calls are made, and will endeavor to make a connection so that it can be determined when "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Ed Bentz, Eddie Doll, or others are at this farm.

Detective Weatherford stated that in the event we raid the farm, that he and Sweeney would like to be in on the raid, and would proceed immediately from Fort Worth upon receipt of information.

Weatherford stated that his informant had not furnished him a description of Horace Kennedy, but it is noted that we have a file on one Horace Kennedy alias Horace Cannady, Theft from Interstate Shipment, Oklahoma City file No. 15-105. I gave Weatherford a photograph of Horace Cannady and also a photograph of Joe Cannady taken from this file, to show to his informant upon his return to Fort Worth in order to determine whether this Horace Cannady was the Horace Kennedy of whom his informant referred to as living near Madill and of harboring "Pretty Boy" Floyd and others. Weatherford stated that he would see his informant, and would write this office advising as to whether Horace Cannady was the same as Horace Kennedy.

We are now in receipt of a letter dated December 17, 1933, from Detective Weatherford of Fort Worth, returning the two photographs above

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referred to, and stating that Horace Cannady is living near McMill, Oklahoma. The letter is ambiguous in view of the fact that it is not definite whether Horace Cannady is the same man the informant knows, but it is presumed that he is in view of the fact that the letter refers to the party as Horace Cannady and not Kennedy.

E. P. QUINNANE,
Special Agent.

cc Division
Dallas
Kansas City



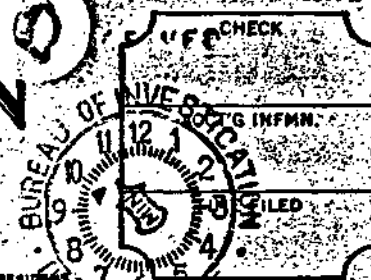
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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT



and the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Cincinnati, Ohio
January 4, 1934

R. H. Colvin,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

WILBUR UNDERHILL WA FUGITIVE IO ONE ONE NINE ONE RTAL BONDS DESCRIBED
YOUR WIRE STOLEN FROM STATE NATIONAL BANK FRANKFORT KENTUCKY DURING
HOLDUP NOVEMBER TWENTY THIRD LAST PHOTOGRAPH UNDERHILL IDENTIFIED

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City, Missouri**FILE NO. **62-456**

REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-4-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-30-31-33	REPORT MADE BY H. E. Hollis
TITLE VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased), et al			CHARACTER OF CASE Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



Photograph, descriptive data and criminal record of Harry Campbell secured from Identification Bureau, Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Sheriff, Miami, Oklahoma, has information Harry Campbell and others may come to Fisher, Oklahoma in the near future.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. E. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, 12-27-33 and letter from the Kansas City office dated 12-27-33.

DETAILS:

At the Identification Bureau, Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mr. Morgan, who is in charge of the Bureau, produced for examination by this Agent the file of Harry Campbell. A photograph of Campbell was obtained and is forwarded to the Kansas City office with copies of this report.

Following is the criminal record of Harry Campbell, Tulsa Police No. 1846, as furnished the Police by the Division of Investigation, Washington, D.C.:

DETAILS:

- As Harry Campbell arrested P.D., Tulsa, Okla., 12-25-20, investigation, \$19.00 and costs.
- As Harry Campbell, #11056 S.P., McAlester, Okla., 1-30-20, from Lincoln County, charge bank robbery - held for safe-keeping.
- As Harry Campbell #9420 arrested S.O., Tulsa, Okla., 4-29-32, burglary - disposition not given.

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The description of Harry Campbell as appearing in the records of the Identification Bureau, Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, is a description taken at the time of his arrest in Tulsa on December 25, 1920. Campbell was subsequently arrested by the Tulsa Police on July 19, 1932 on a charge of reckless driving and forfeited a \$100.00 bond, however, a new description was not recorded at the time of the last arrest. The only personal history regarding Harry Campbell in the Tulsa Police files is that his occupation is given as a tool dresser and that he was born in Oil City, Pennsylvania. No information is available regarding his relatives. There is contained in the Police file a description of Campbell as set out on an Identification Order issued by the Joplin, Missouri Police and is as follows:

Name	Harry Campbell
Age	32 years
Height	5 ft. 5 in.
Weight	140 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Marks and Scars	Scar corner of left eye. Lame in right leg from rheumatism or gunshot wounds.

A letter in the Police file indicates that Mr. C. M. Collins, Special Agent of the Railway Express Agency, Kansas City, Missouri, is interested in Harry Campbell and it is possible he has developed information regarding Campbell.

On March 1, 1933 W. C. Miller, Police Department, Casper, Wyoming, wrote a letter to the Chief of Police, Tulsa, Oklahoma, to the effect that one of the citizens in Casper who knows Campbell saw Campbell in Casper about one week before the date of the letter. The letter of Mr. Miller requested information regarding Campbell and Miller stated that he would make an effort to locate Campbell in Casper.

There is a circular in the Tulsa Police file to the effect that Harry Campbell is wanted on a charge of robbery with firearms by M. J. Bradley, Sheriff, Payne County, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Sheriff Dee Watters, Miami, Oklahoma, advised Agent confidentially that he had received information a few days ago from a confidential informant to the effect that Harry Campbell and some of his partners were expected to arrive in Picher, Oklahoma in a short time. Harry Campbell, according to Sheriff Watters, has been positively identified as one of a group of men who murdered an employee of the Barton-Robinson Convoy Company at Picher, Oklahoma several months ago. Campbell is badly wanted by Sheriff Watters and he is following every possible lead concerning Campbell. Sheriff Watters will keep the Oklahoma City office advised of any new information he obtains relative to Campbell.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
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Kansas City, Missouri.

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RE: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased) et al,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

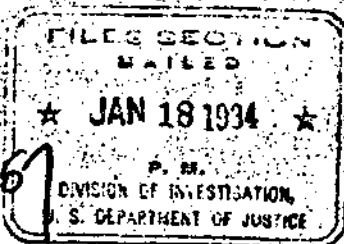
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated January 5, 1934,
wherein you suggest that a photograph of subject Galatas be
published in the "Line-up" section of the magazine known as True
Detective.

The Division does not deem it advisable at this time
to publish the photograph of subject Galatas as suggested by you
but in the event efforts now being made to locate Galatas prove
unsuccessful, your suggestion will be given further consideration.

Very truly yours,

Director.



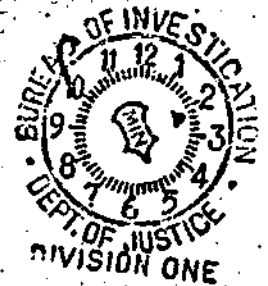
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, DC.

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Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased) ET AL,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

In connection with the present concentrated effort, which is being made to bring about the apprehension of Richard Tailman Galatas, Fugitive, Subject of I C #1201, it has occurred to the Agents engaged in this investigation at Kansas City that publication of a photograph and description, with appropriate comments, in the True Detective magazine might result successfully. It is noted that the magazine in question runs a special section called the "Line-up," and it is claimed that the magazine reaches two million readers monthly. It has been found from experience that this magazine is read with interest by many individuals in the smaller cities and rural sections, and insertion of such data has often resulted in the apprehension of criminals. It is realized that this procedure would be somewhat unusual. Recently a suggestion of the same nature was made by Sheriff Thomas Bash of Kansas City, Missouri. He would, of course, be willing to furnish the information himself, however, if the Division should authorize same, the data could be given to the magazine through the New York City office, as it is noted that the True Detective magazine is published in New York City.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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